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THE HEDGEHOG™

IT'S THE
HOTTEST TITLE
ON THE SHELF!

AND IT'S
GOING
FAST!!

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TRIAL
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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

IN "OLYMPIC TRIALS and ERRORS (part I)"

IS THE ONLY BASE-BALL PLAYER WHO CAN HIT A LINE DRIVE AND CATCH IT HIMSELF!

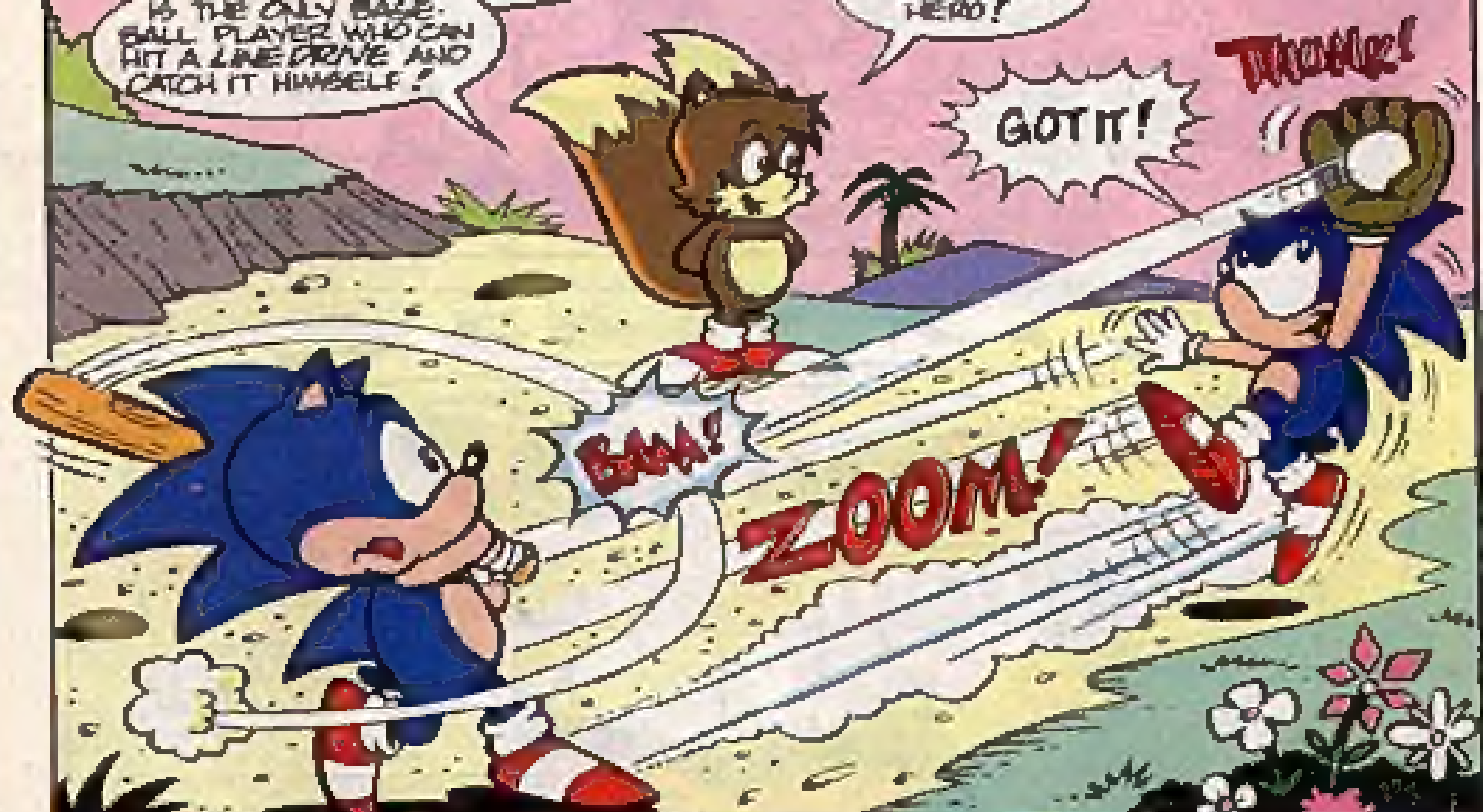
THAT'S WHY HE'S MY SPORTS HERO!

THUNDER!

GOT IT!

BAAA!

ZOOM!



METRIC ANGELS DECEASARE

FENCE DAVE MANAK

MONOM JON D'AROSTING

LETTERS DAN NAKEDSIN

COLORS BARRY GOODMAN

EDITORIAL TEAM WITH BOB & THE CATS

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NOW I'LL HIT A LONG FLY BALL, TALKS!



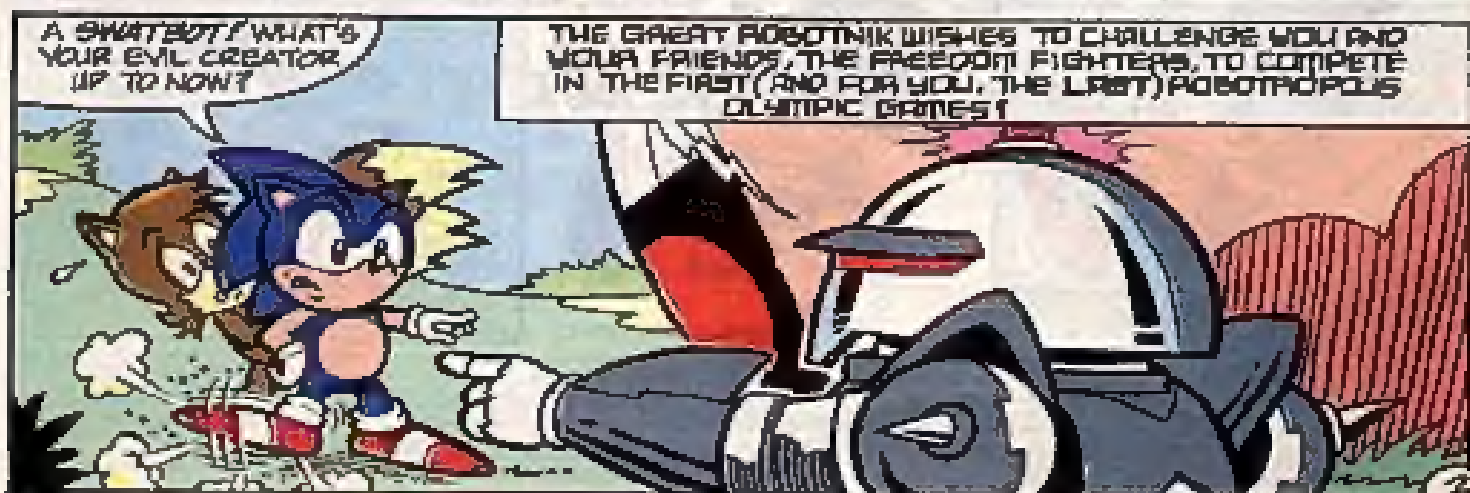
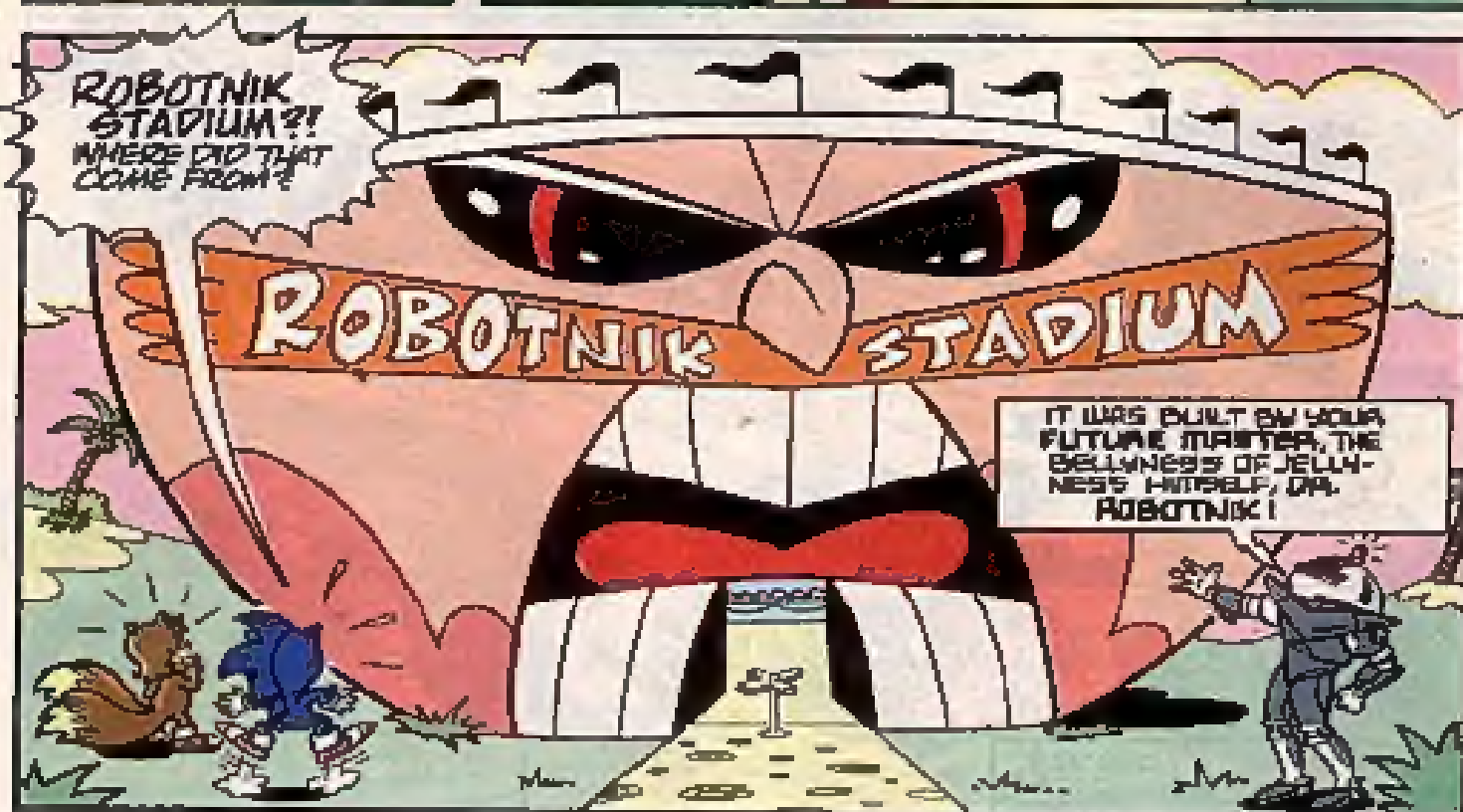
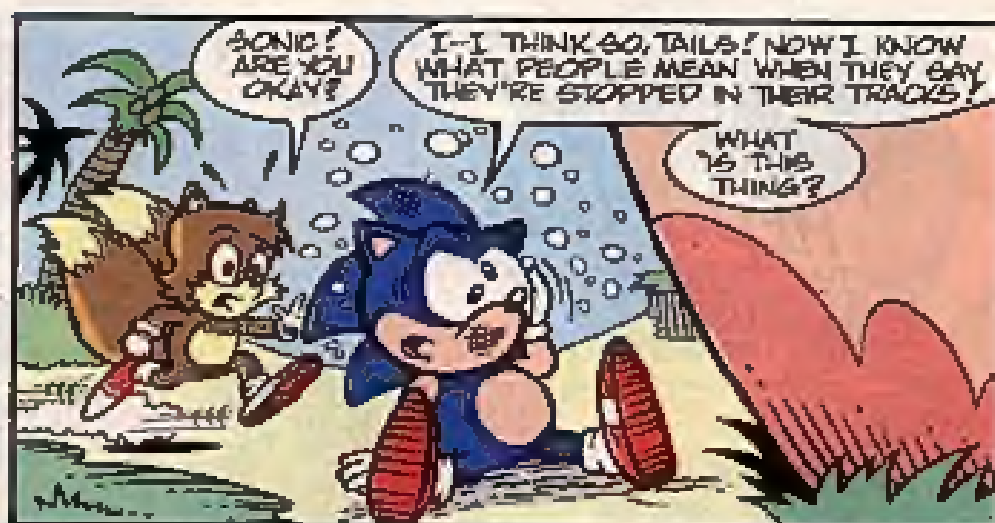
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AND SNATCH IT EVEN BEFORE IT HITS THE...



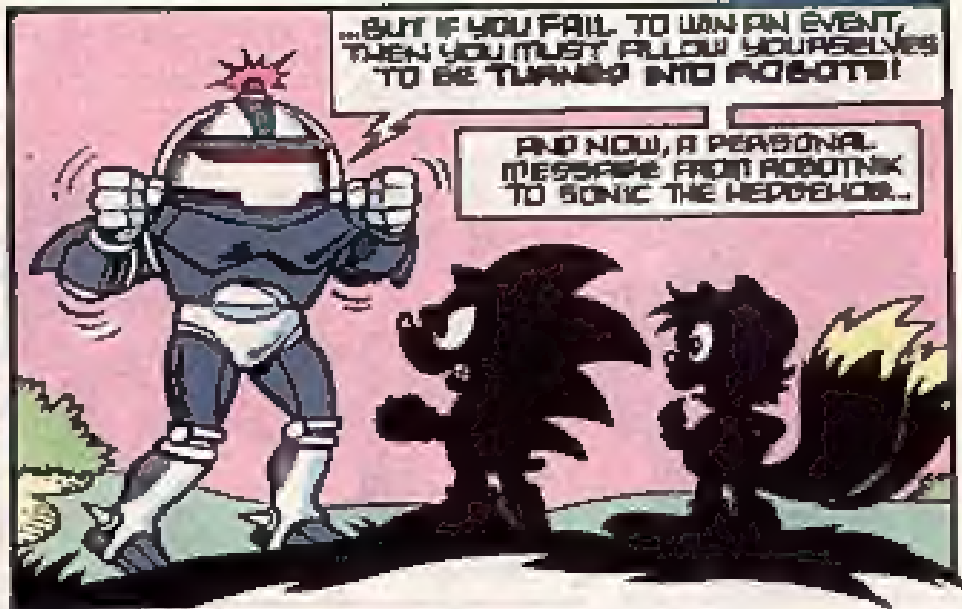
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IF YOUR TEAM CAN WIN
ONE OUT OF FOUR EVENTS,
MY MASTER PROMISES
TO RETURN PLANET
MOBIUS TO NORMAL...

...BUT IF YOU FAIL TO WIN AN EVENT,
THEN YOU MUST FOLLOW YOURSELVES
TO BE TURNED INTO ROBOTS!

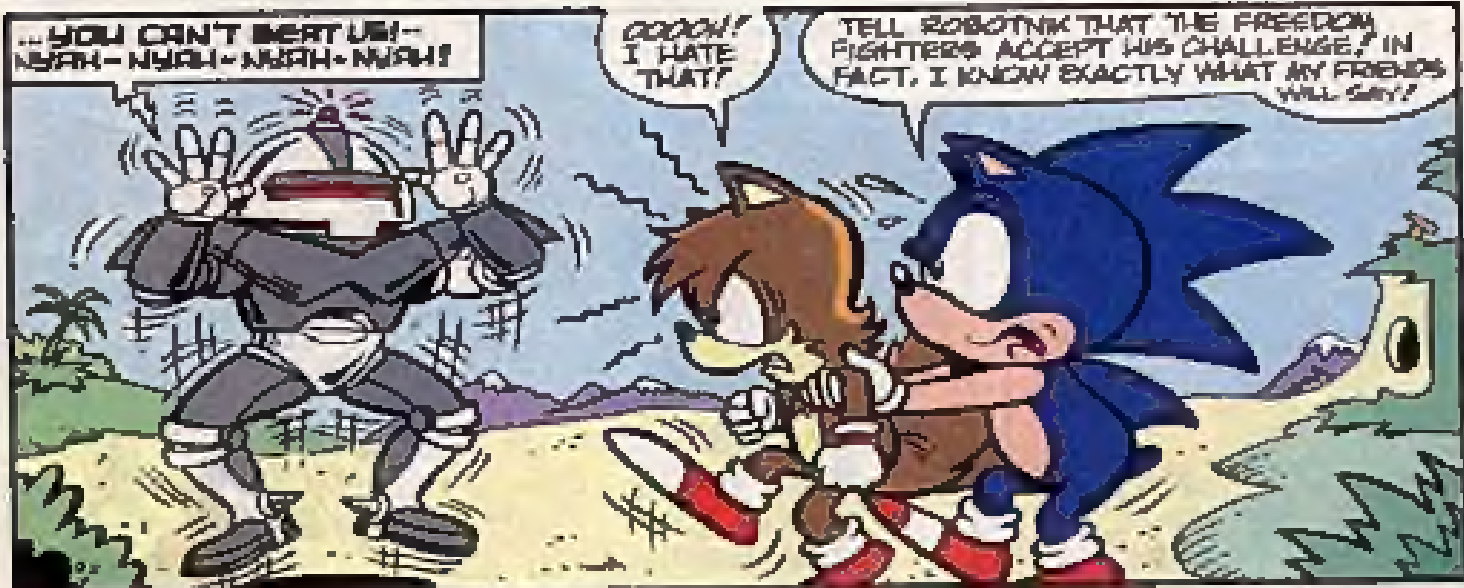
AND NOW, A PERSONAL
MESSAGE FROM ROBOTNIK
TO SONIC THE HEDGEHOG...



...YOU CAN'T BEAT US!-
NYAH-NYAH-NYAH-NYAH!

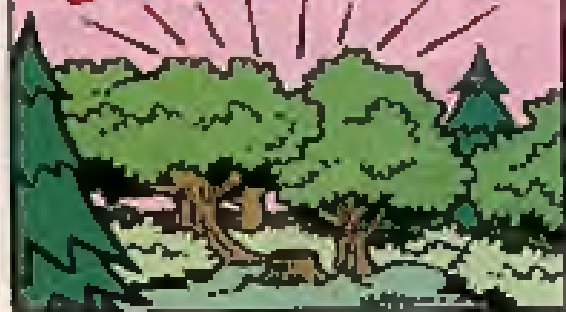
OOOON!
I HATE
THAT!

TELL ROBOTNIK THAT THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS ACCEPT HIS CHALLENGE! IN
FACT, I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT MY FRIENDS
WILL SAY!



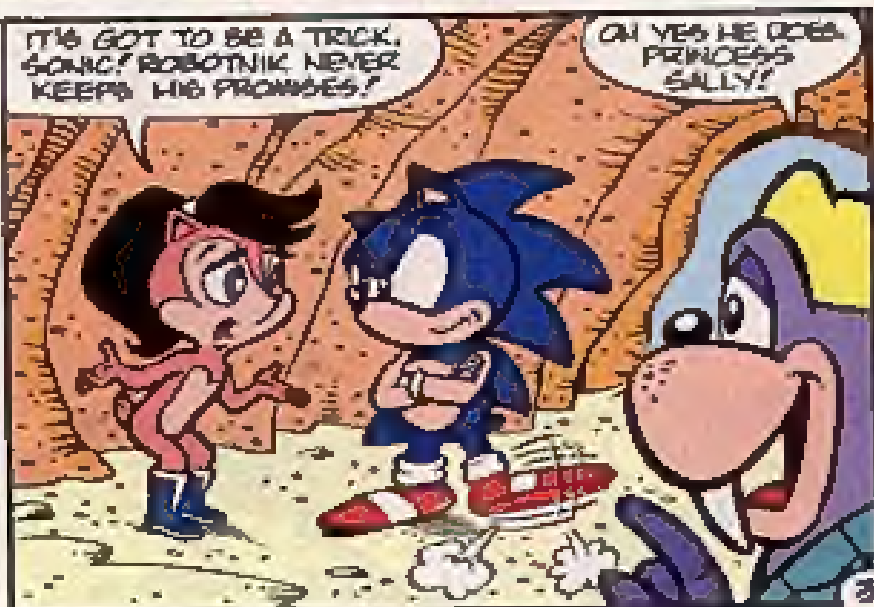
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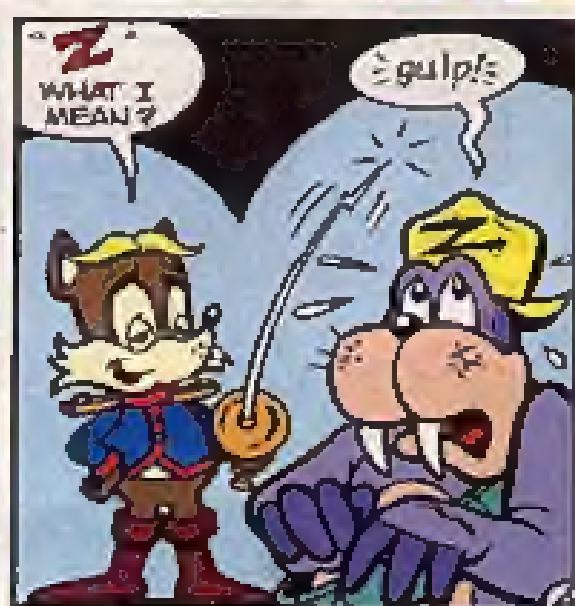
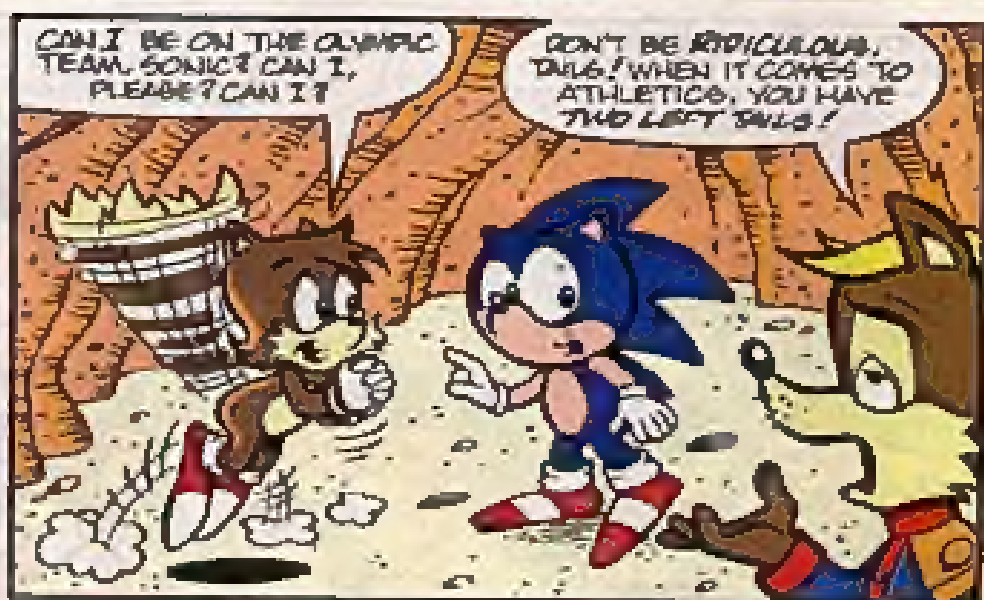
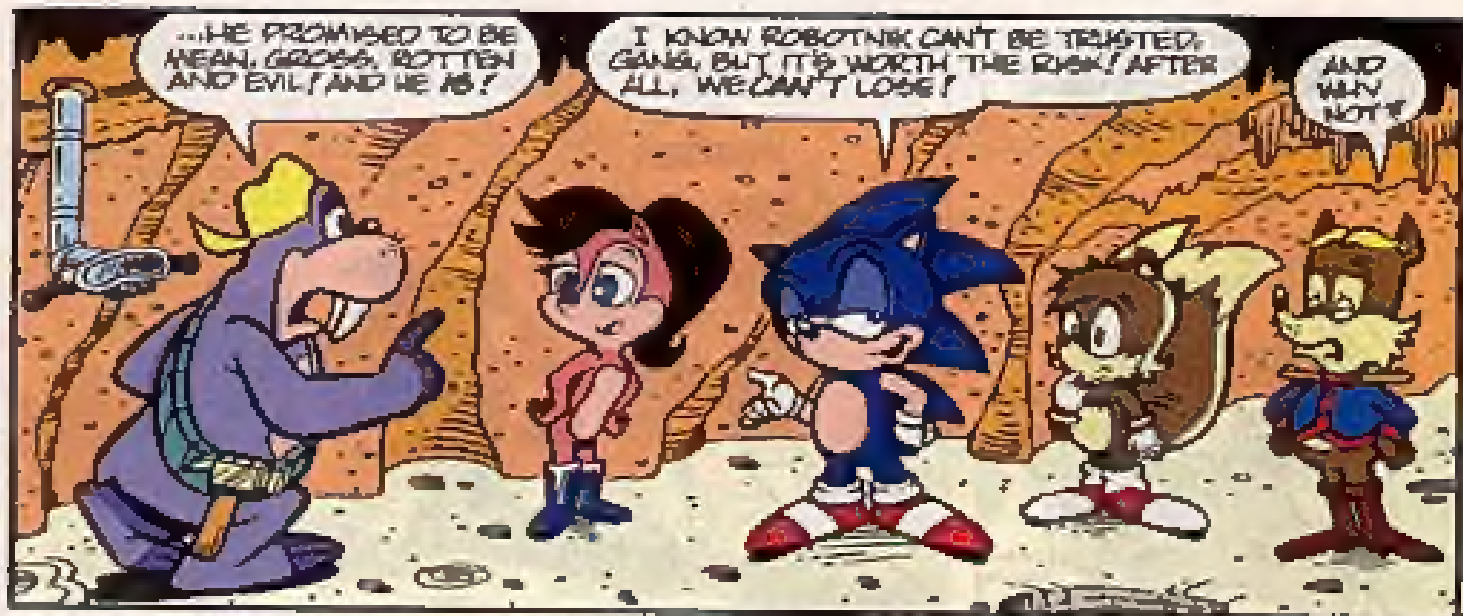
**NO WAY,
SONIC!**



IT'S GOT TO BE A TRICK,
SONIC! ROBOTNIK NEVER
KEEPS HIS PROMISES!

OH YES HE DOES,
PRINCESS
SALLY!



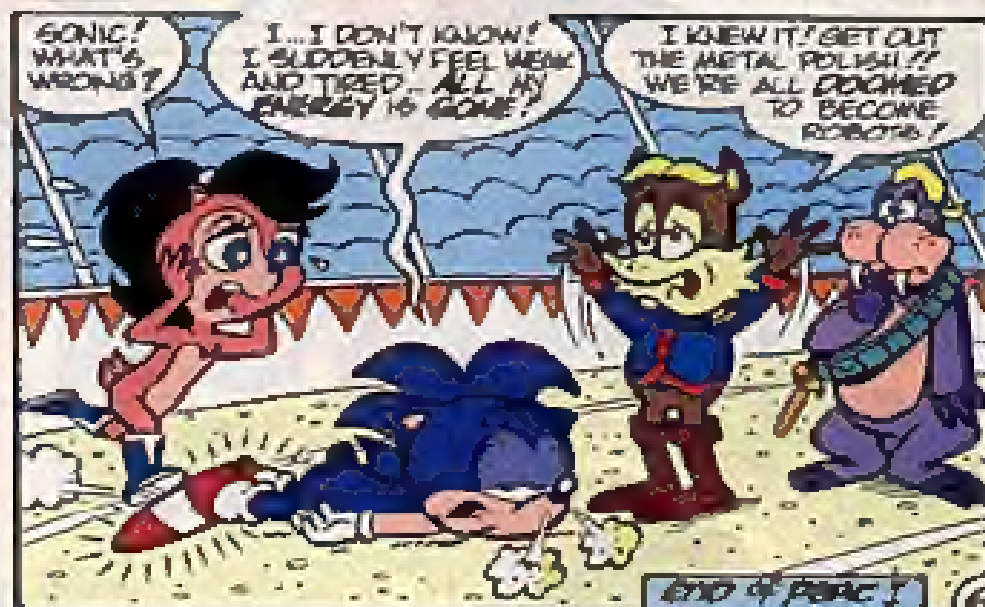
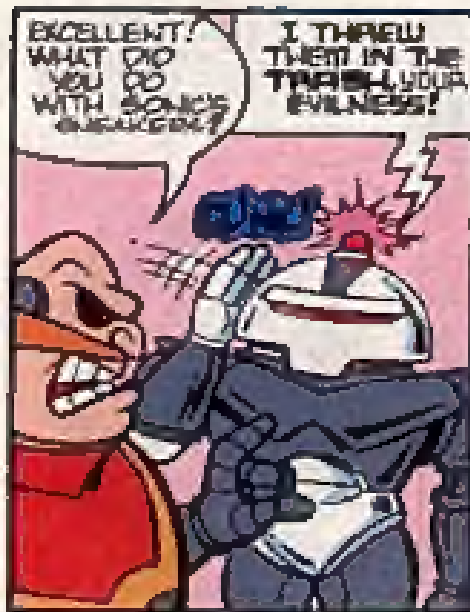


YOUR ENEMIES HAVE ARRIVED, ON SLEAZEBAMSTER!

PERFECT! ARE YOU SURE SONIC'S NOT WEARING HIS SPECIAL SNEAKERS, GNAWTBOT?

POSITIVE, MONTEA! AFTER DELIVERING YOUR MESSAGE, I FOLLOWED THE HEDDHOOD!

A pair of red and white sneakers, likely the character's footwear, shown in a dynamic, angled perspective. The shoes are red with white laces and white soles. The background is a bright yellow with radiating lines, suggesting speed or energy.



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

THE OLYMPIC TRIALS ^{and ERRORS!} (PART II)

HAS HAD HIS
ENERGY DRAINED
BY MY SNEAKY
SNEAKERS!

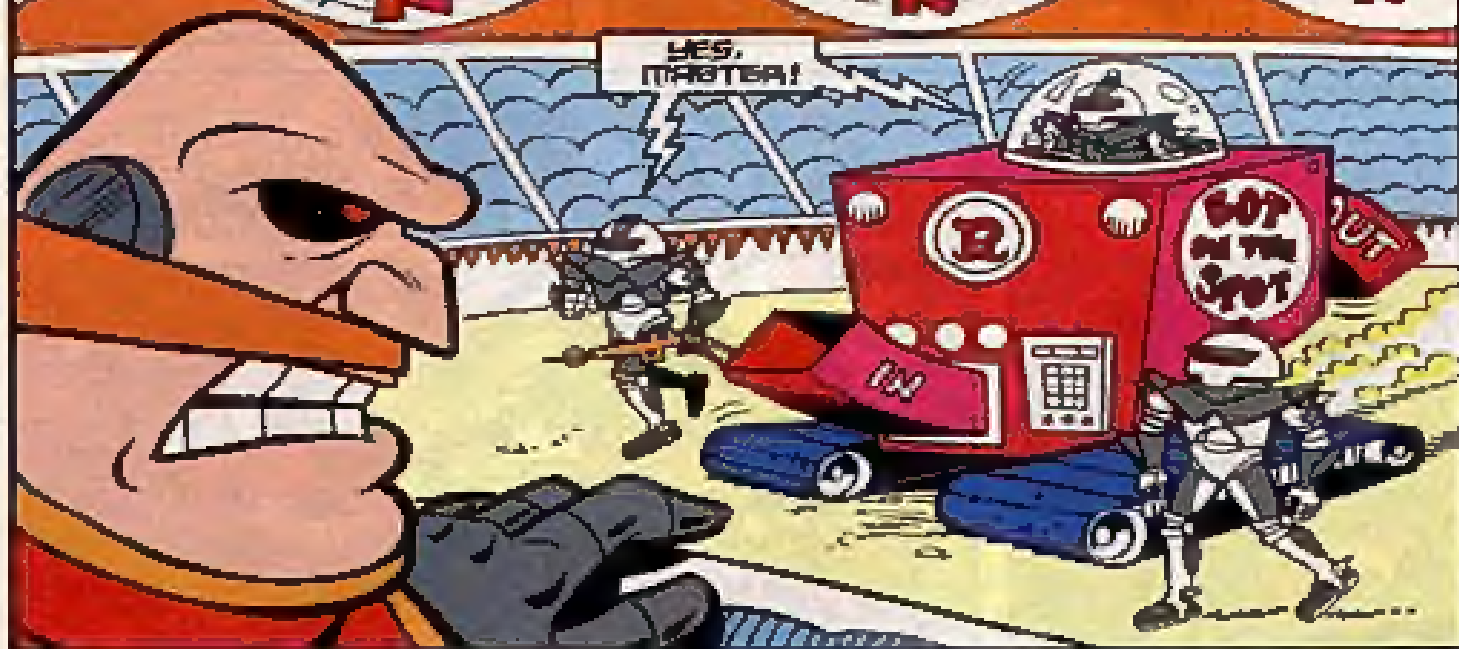
I WILL WIN THE
OLYMPIOS! PREPARE
THE PORTABLE ROBOT
MAKING MACHINE!

SCOREBOARD

THEM - (LOSERS)

US - (WINNERS!)

YES,
MASTER!



HOLD ON, ROBOTNIK! IF
SONIC CAN'T COMPLETE, THEN
ANTOINE, BOONER AND I
WILL TAKE HIS PLACE!



WE
WILL?

VERY WELL, PRINCESS
SALLY! I'LL ENJOY
WATCHING YOU TRY
TO DEFEAT MY
TEAM OF EVIL AND
POWERFUL
BADNIKS!

GLAP!



AND SO THE GAMES
BEGIN WITH THREE
EVENTS: THE
LONG JUMP...

FIRST, THE PERFECT
APPROACH!



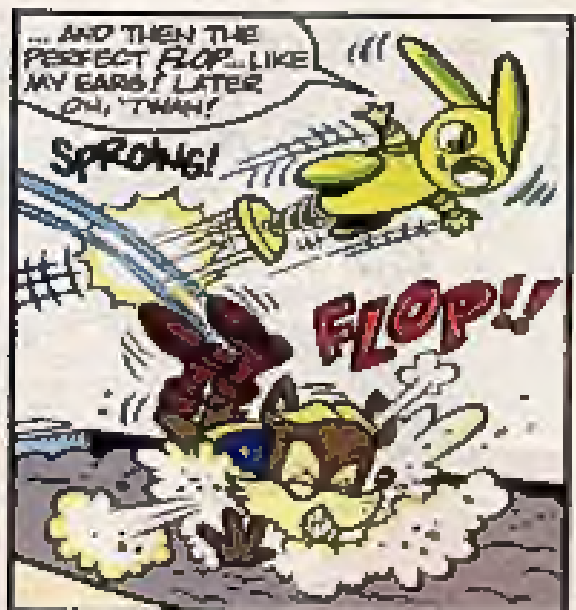
...THEN THE
PERFECT
LEAP!



... AND THEN THE
PERFECT FLOP... LIKE
MY EARS! LATER
ON, THOUGH!

SPRONG!

FLOP!!



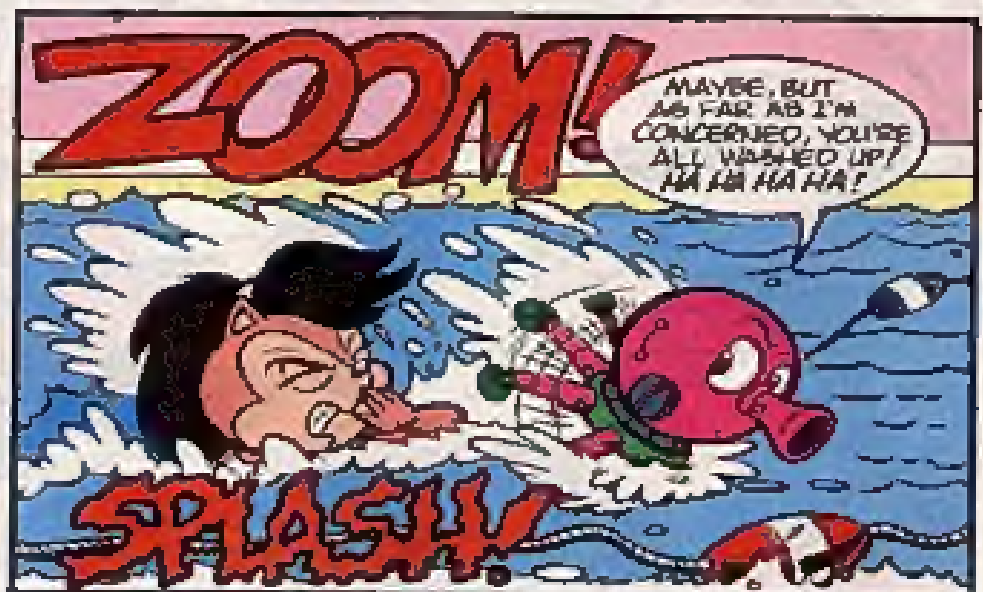
...SWIMMING...

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN
THE BEST SWIMMER
IN THE FOREST!



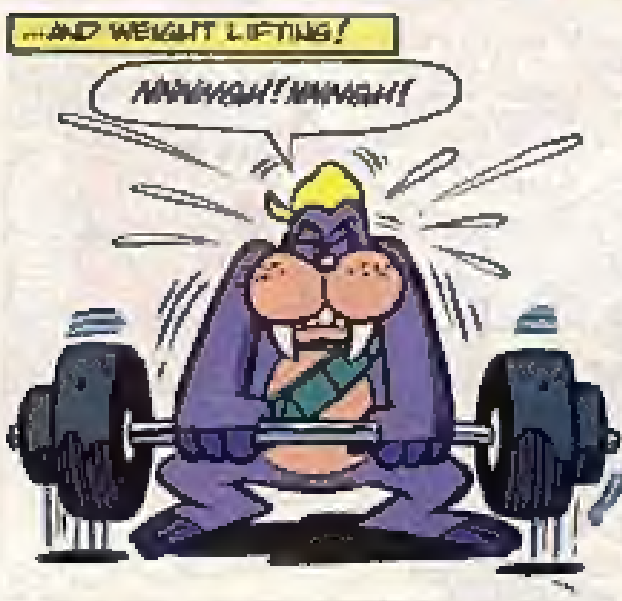
ZOOM!

MAYBE, BUT
AS FAR AS I'M
CONCERNED, YOU'RE
ALL WASHED UP!
HA HA HA HA!

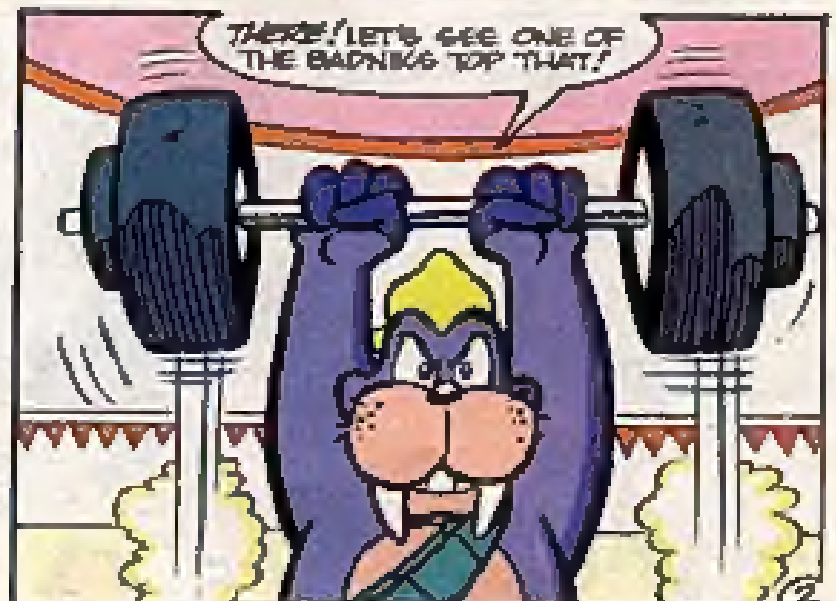


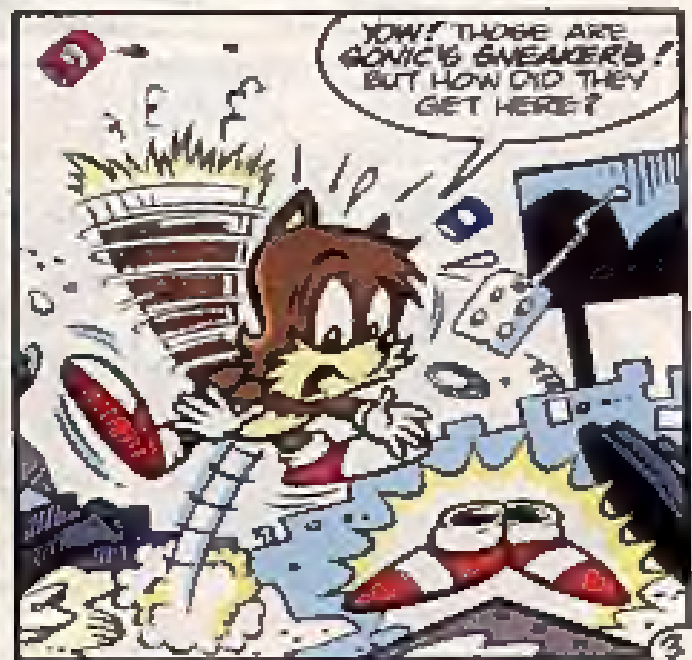
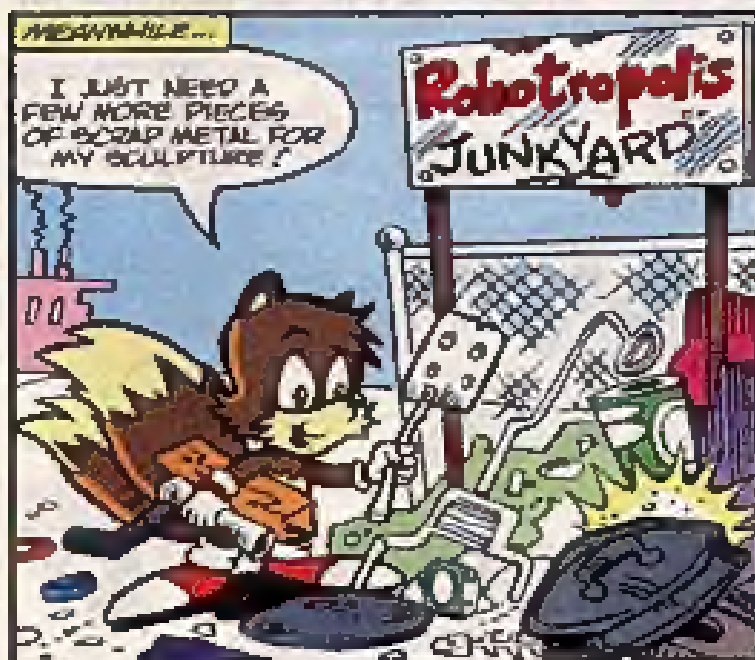
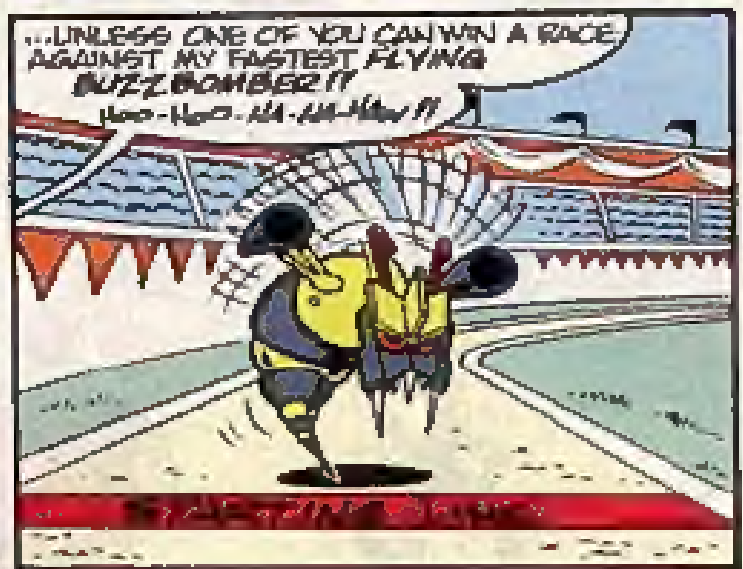
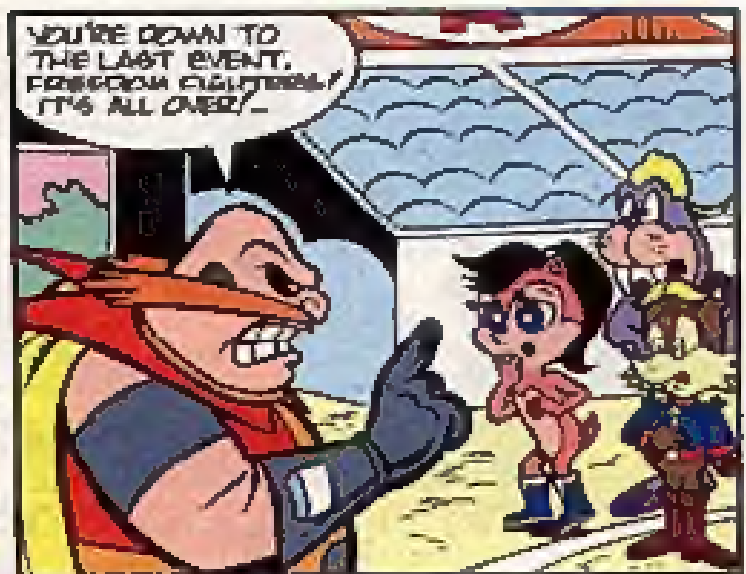
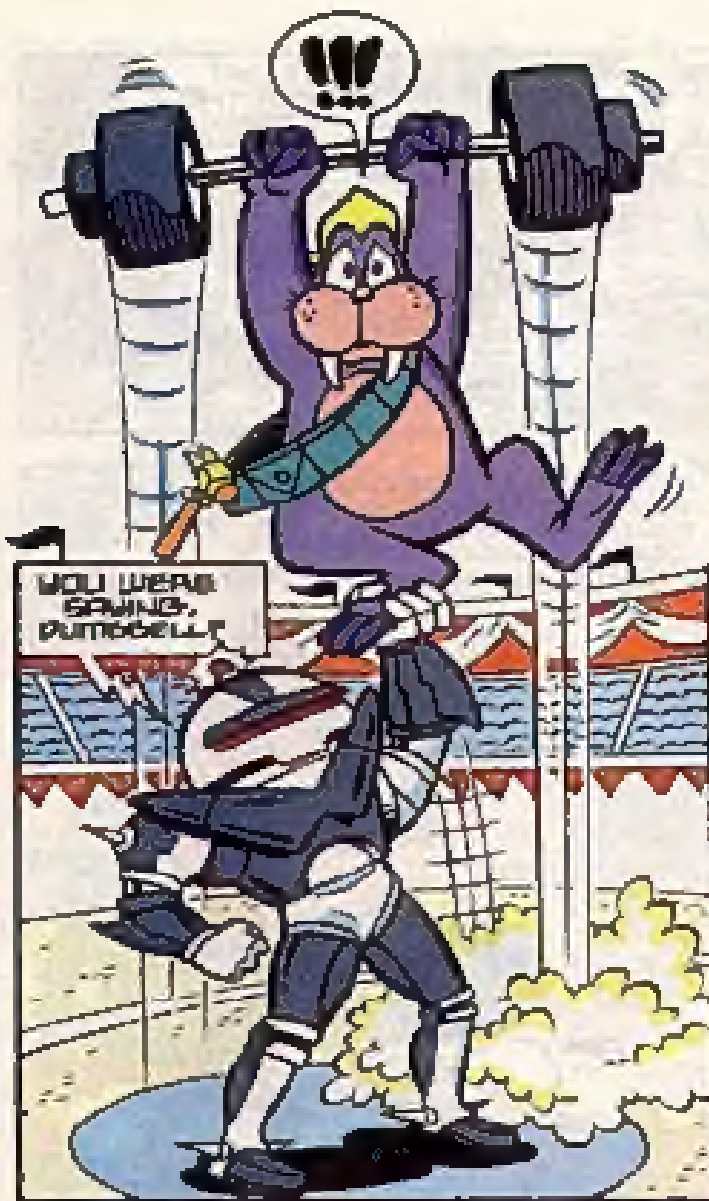
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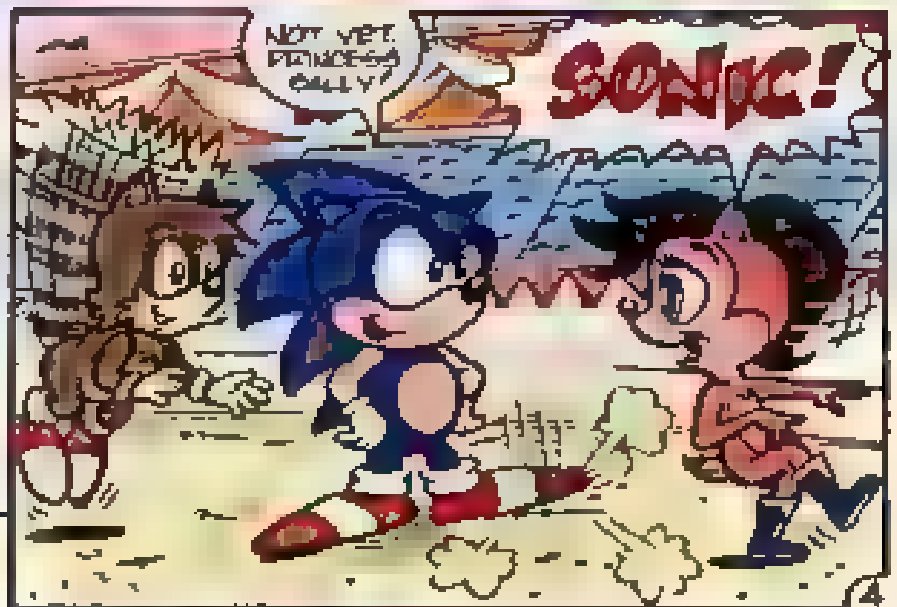
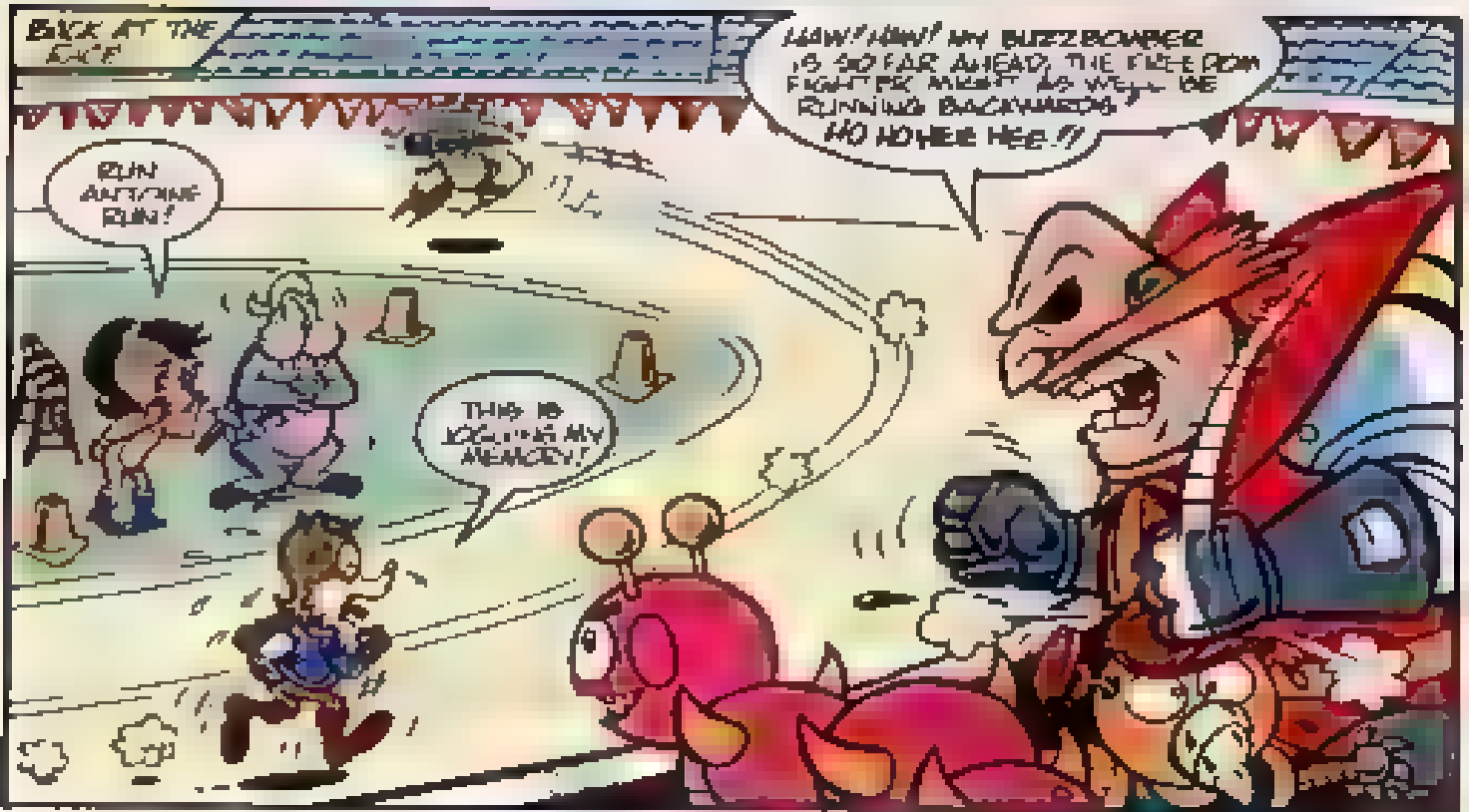
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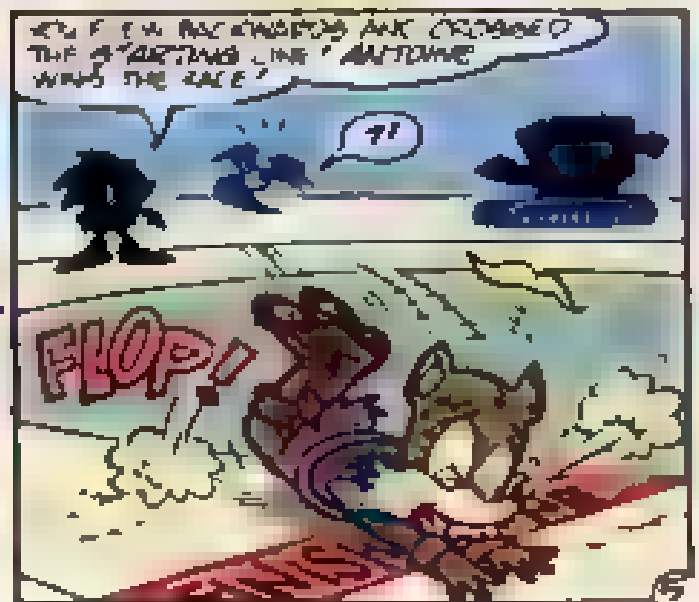
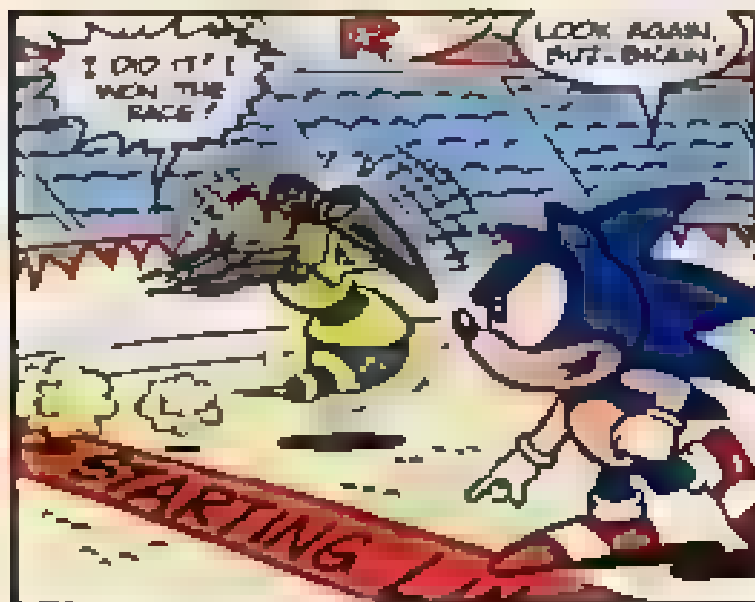
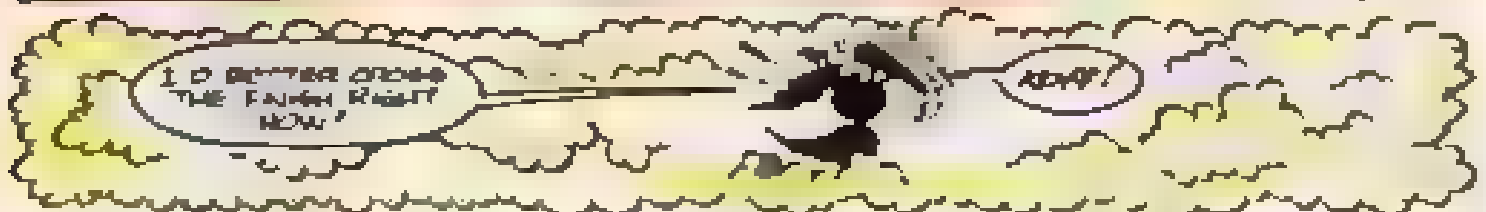
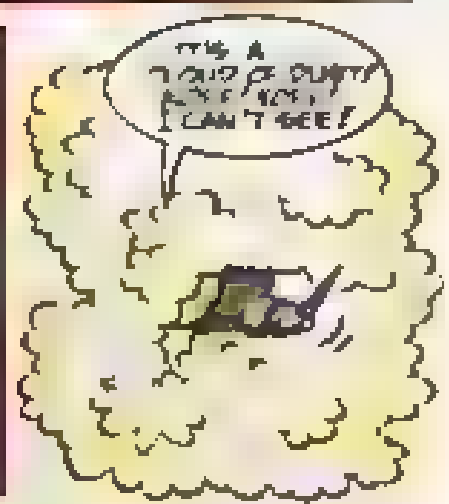
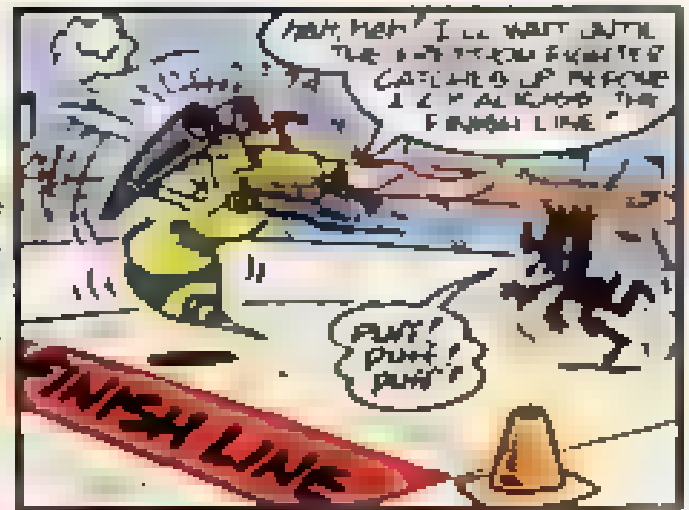


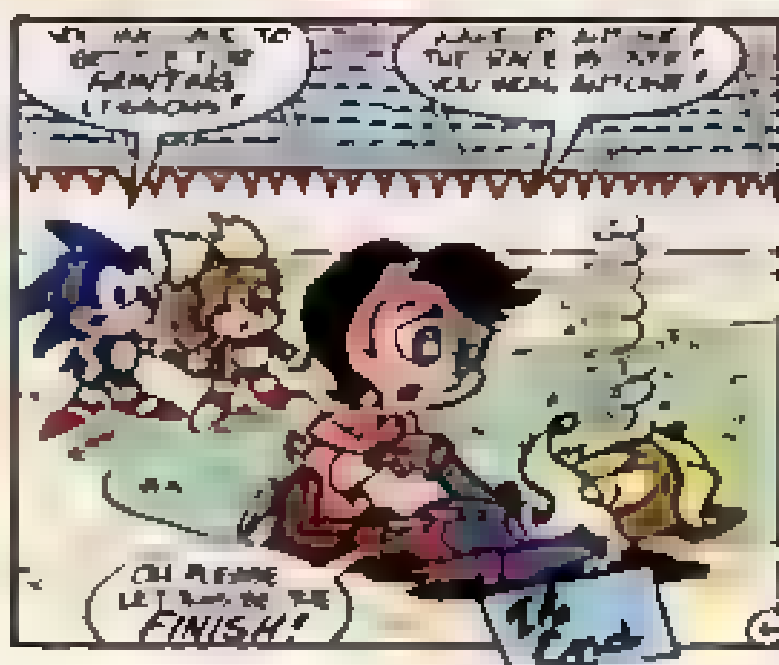
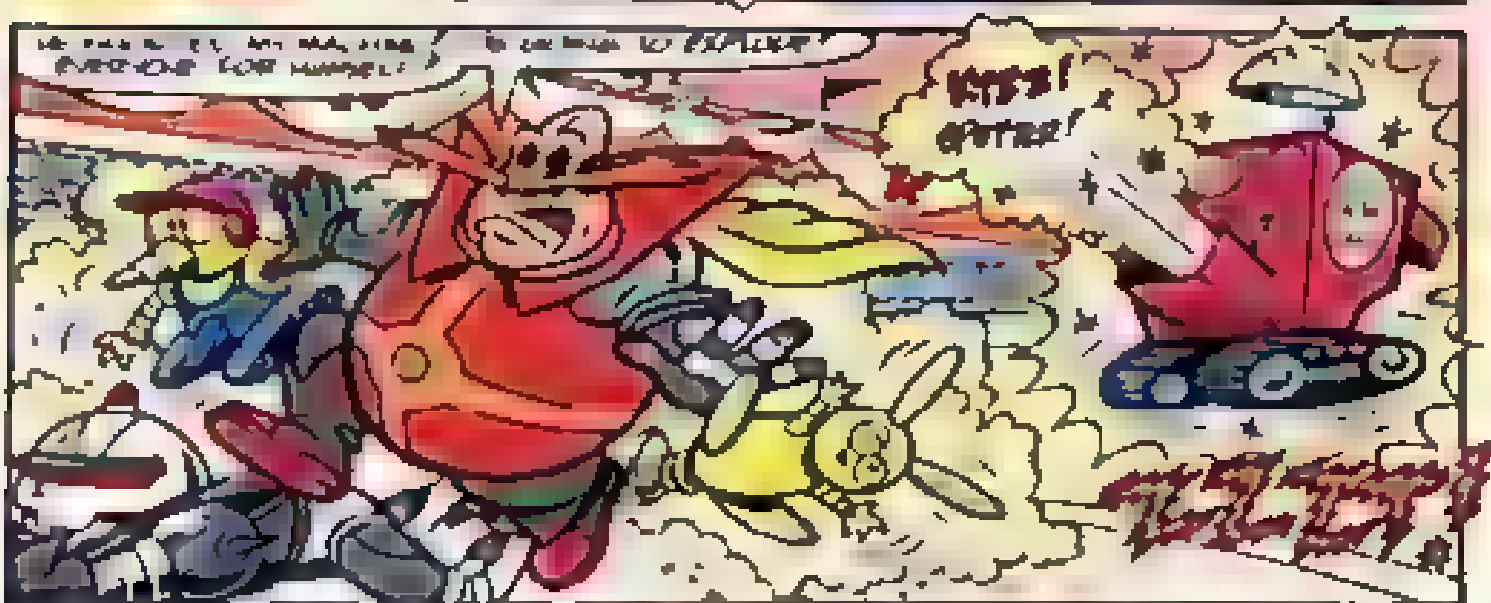
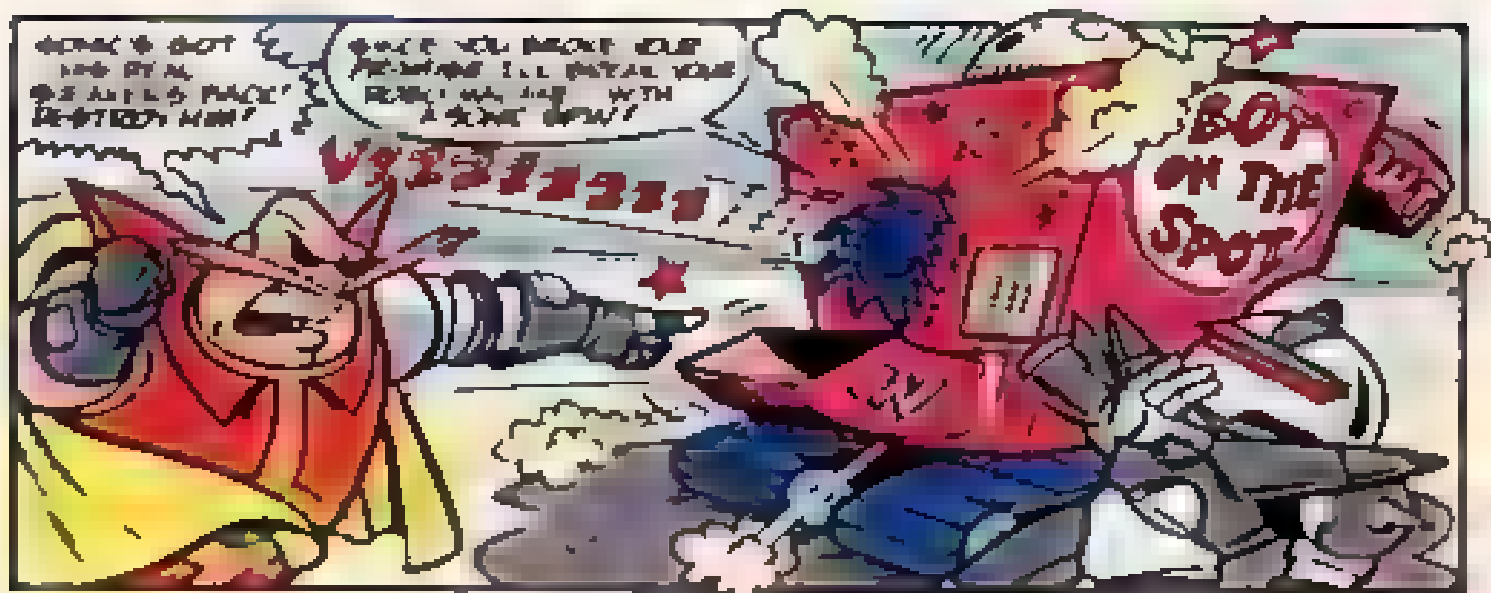
THERE! LET'S SEE ONE OF
THE BADKING TOP THAT!

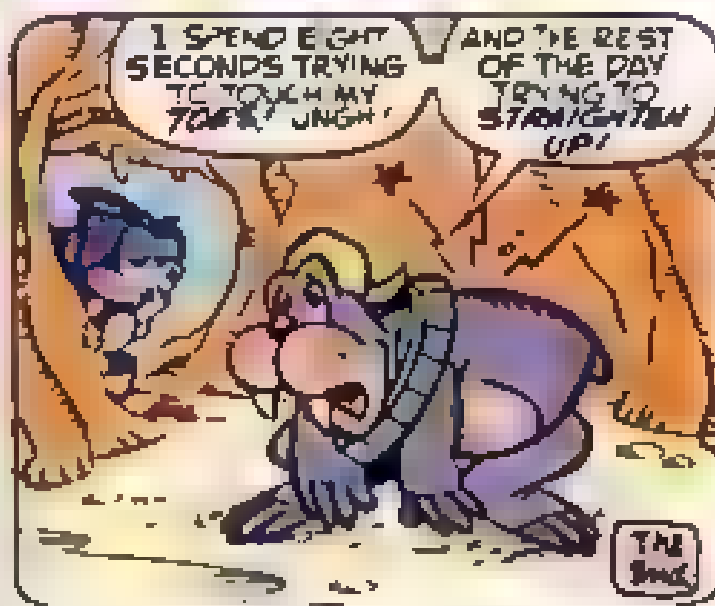
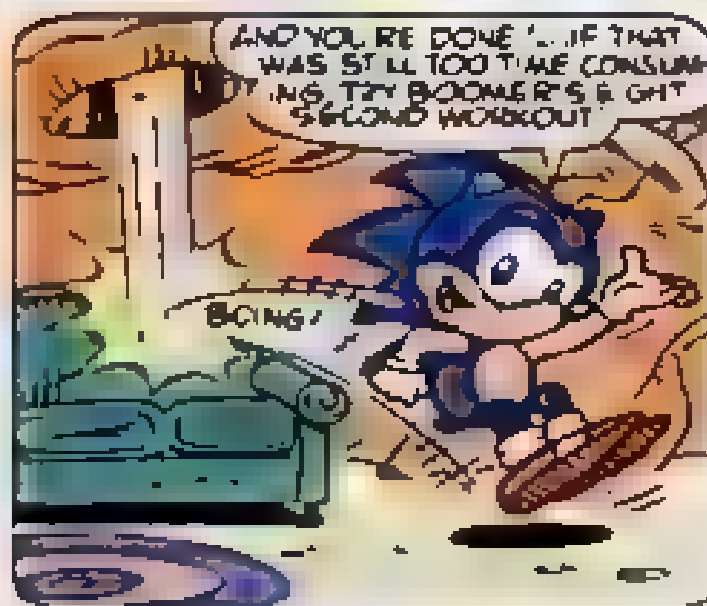
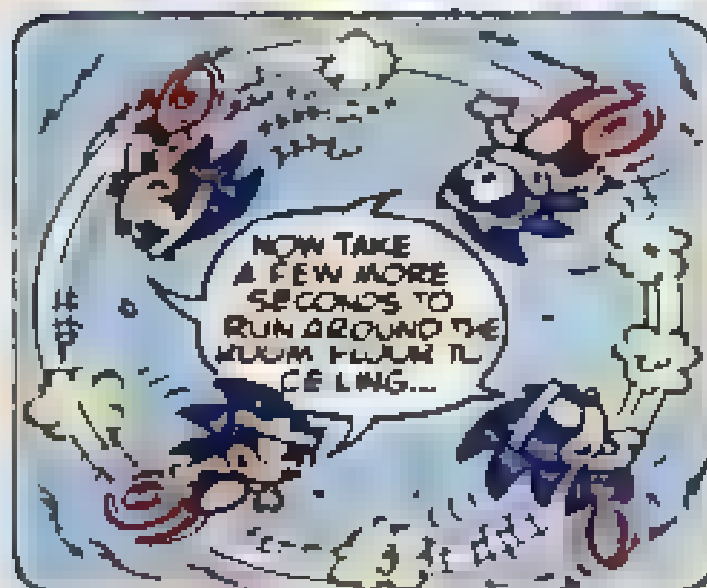


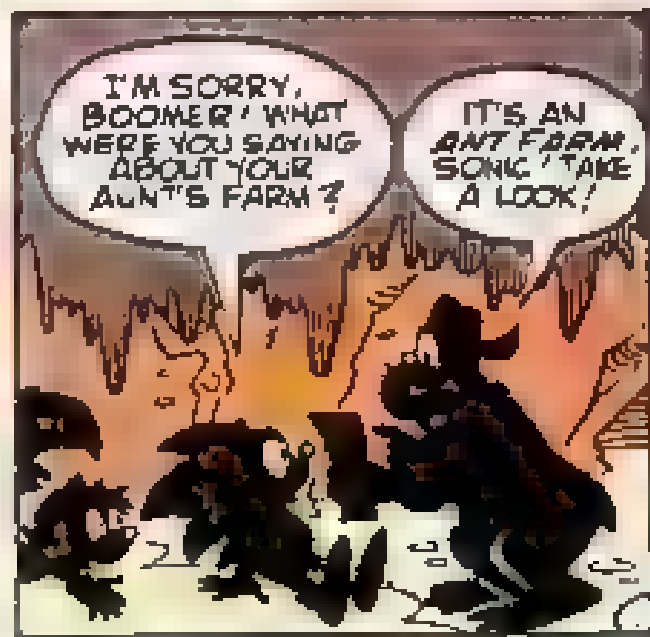
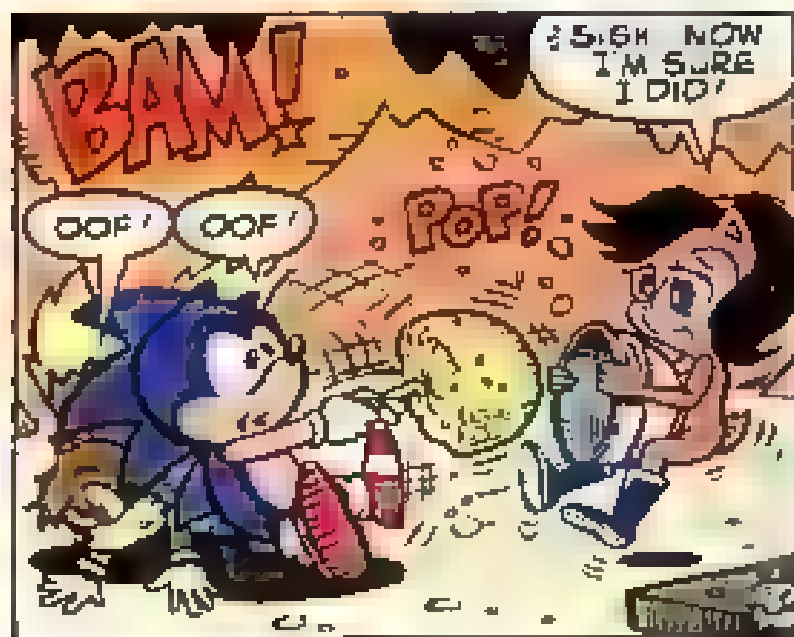
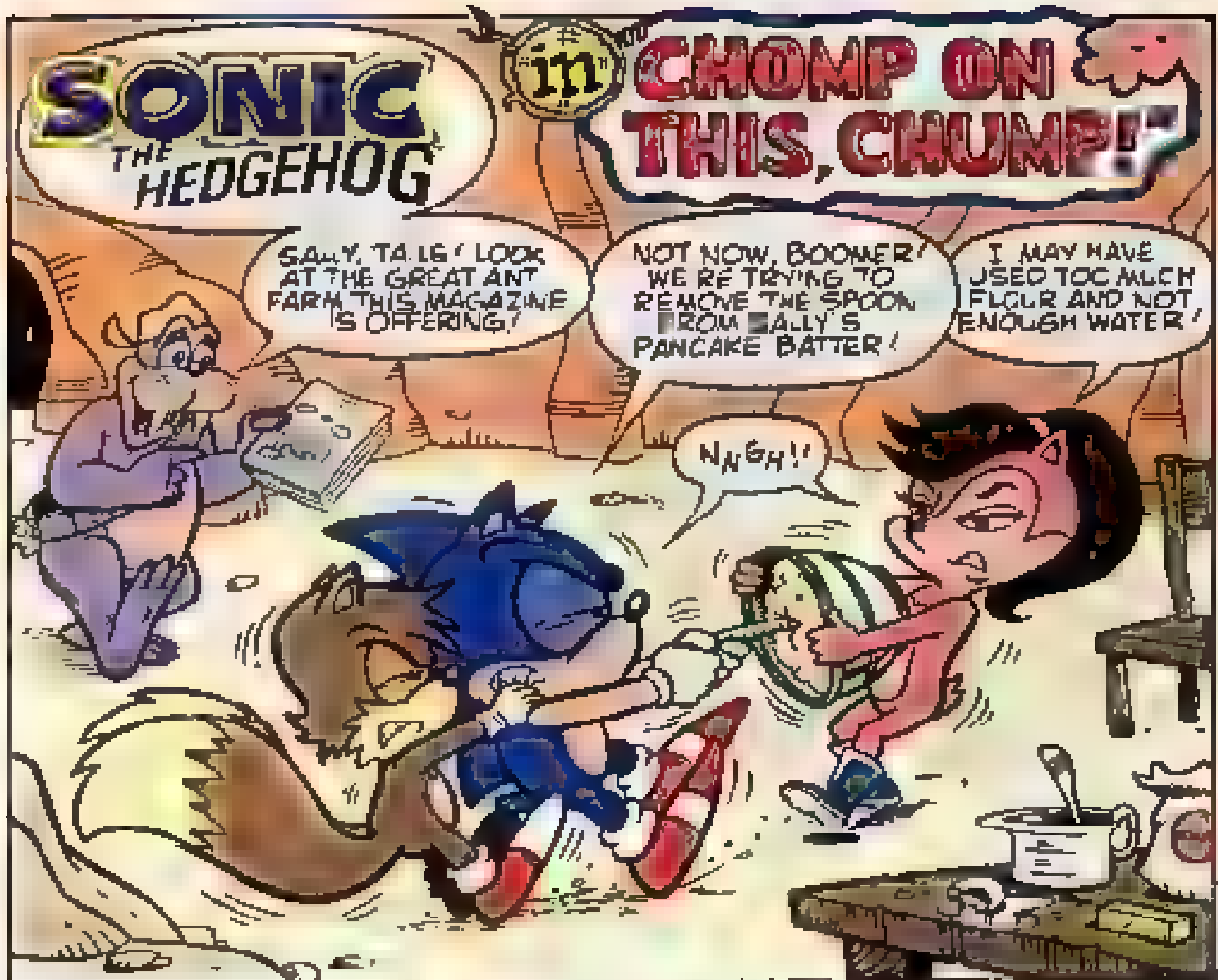


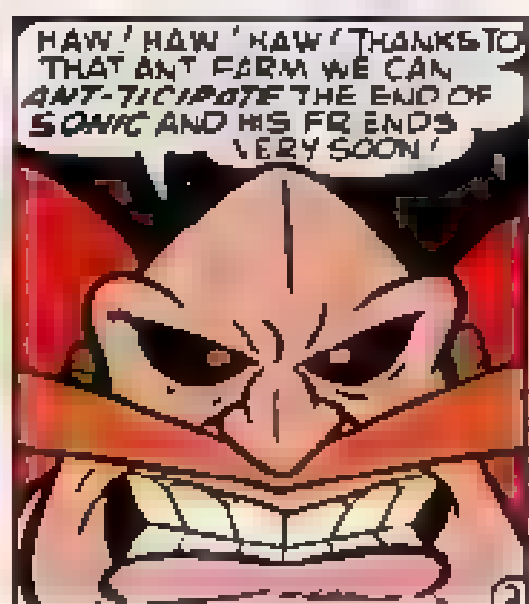
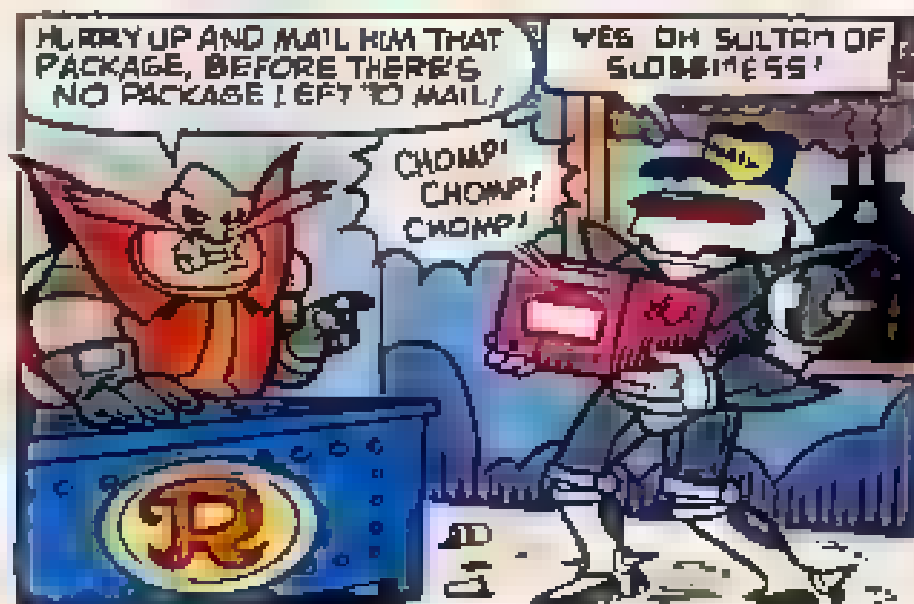
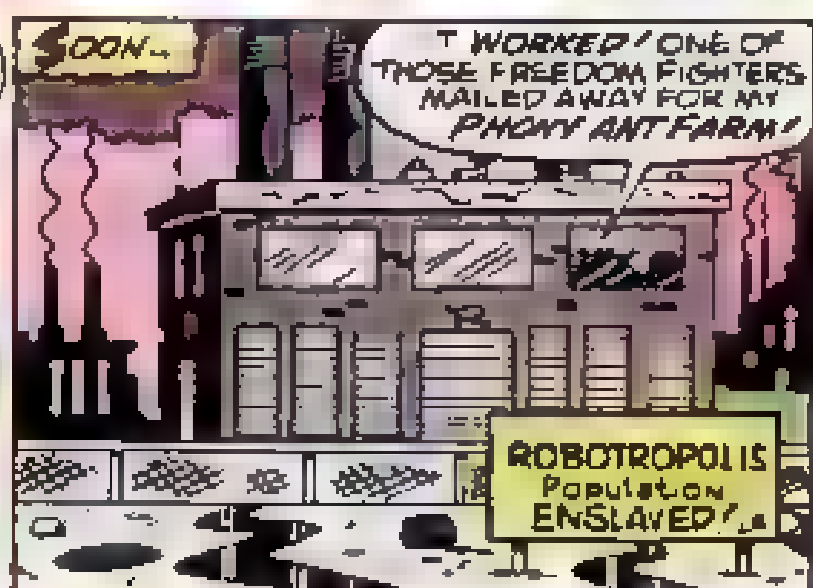


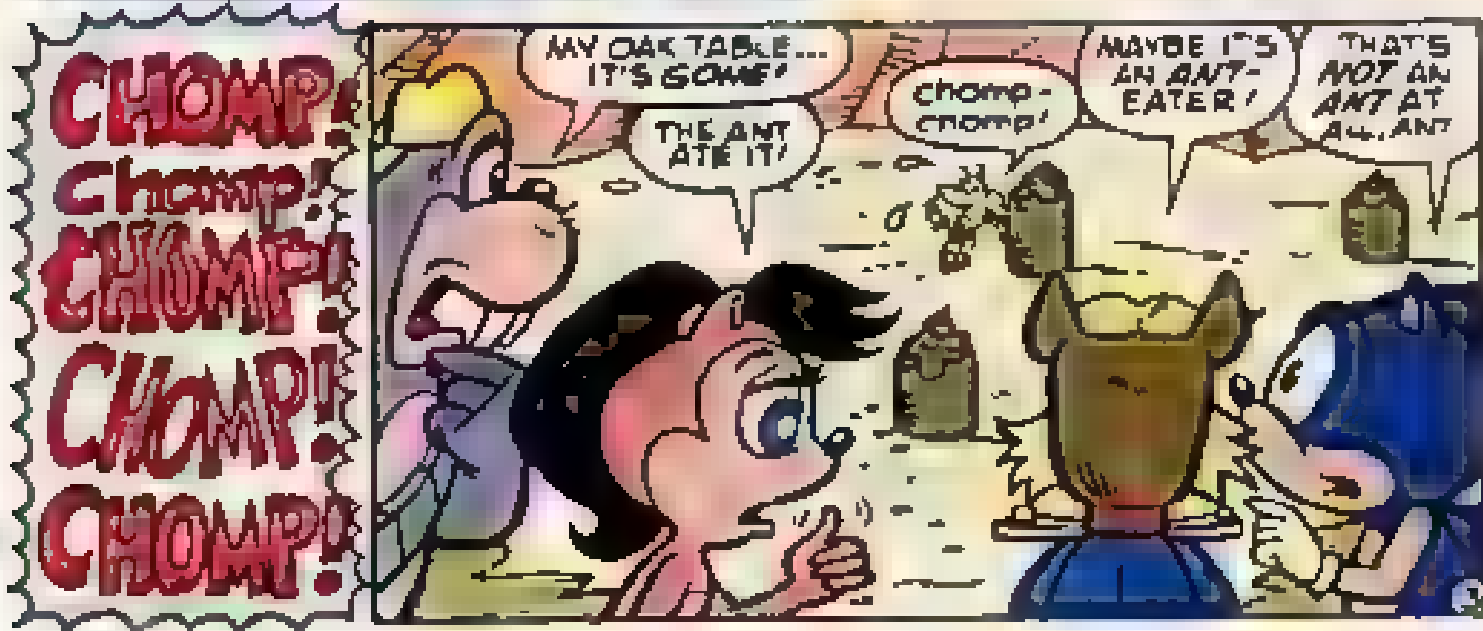
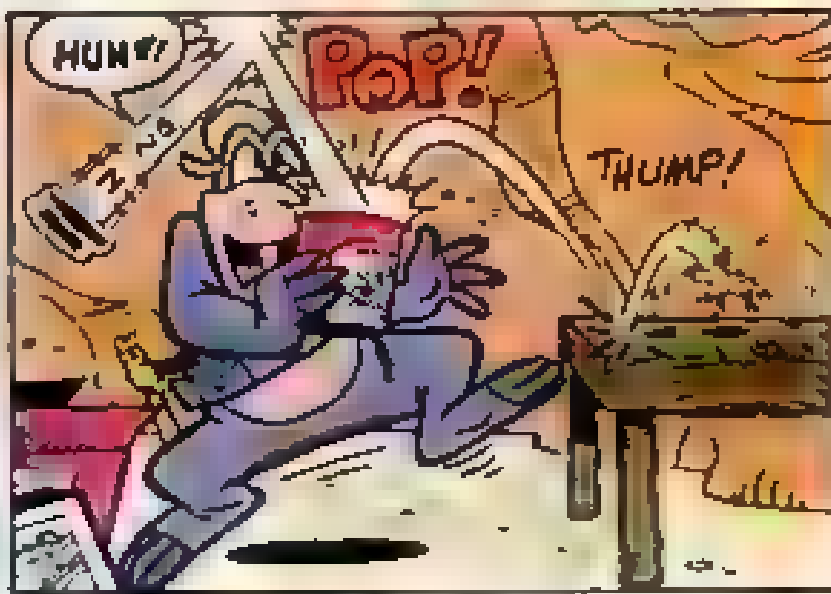
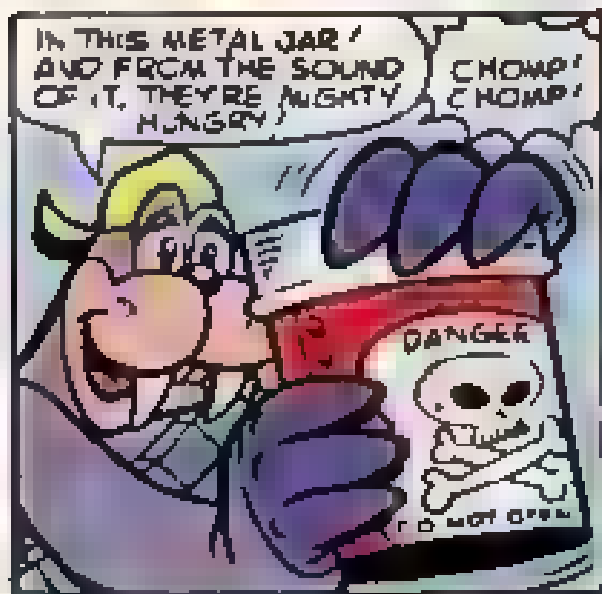
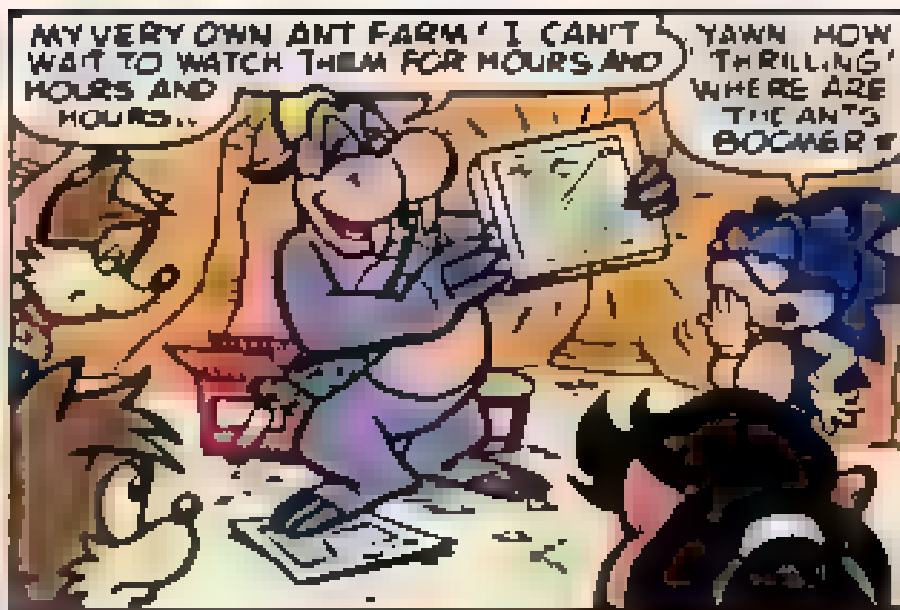


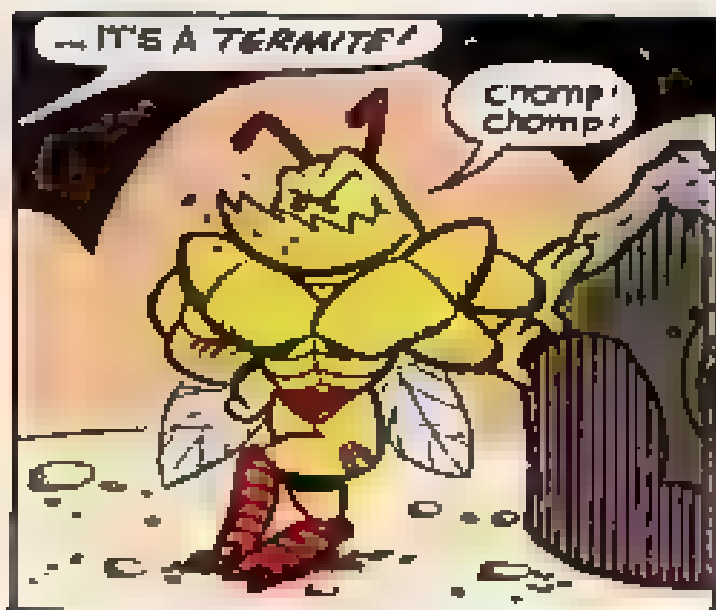




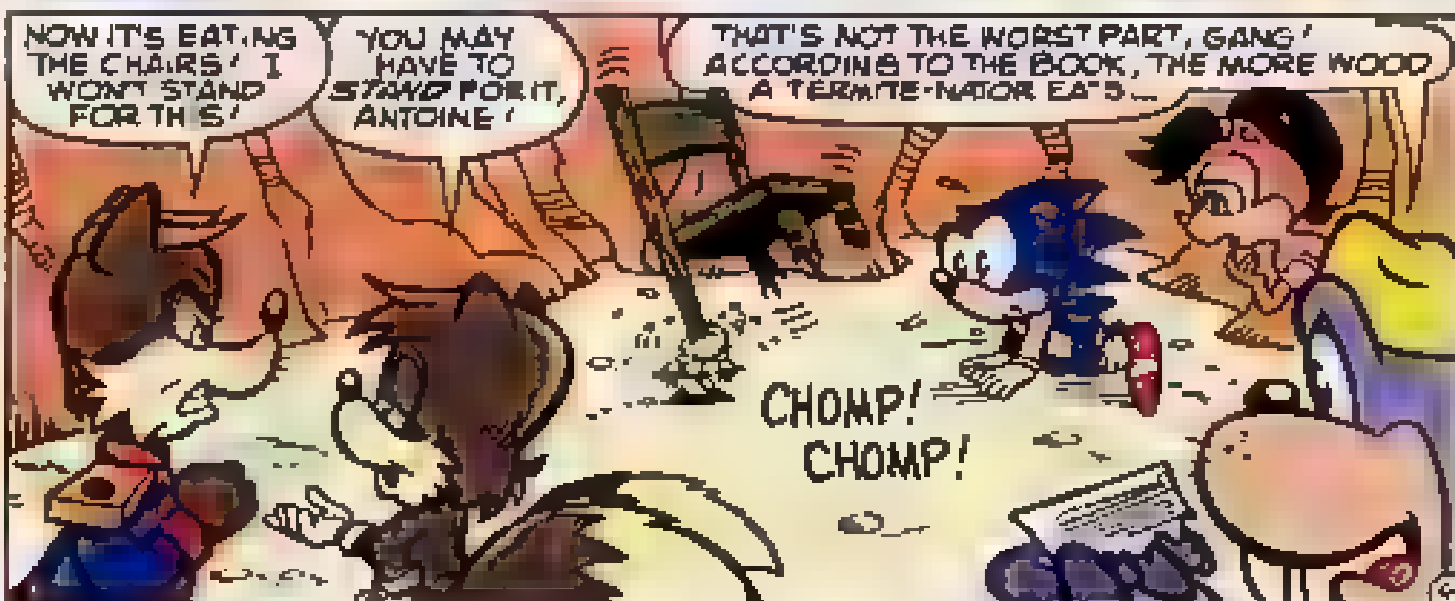


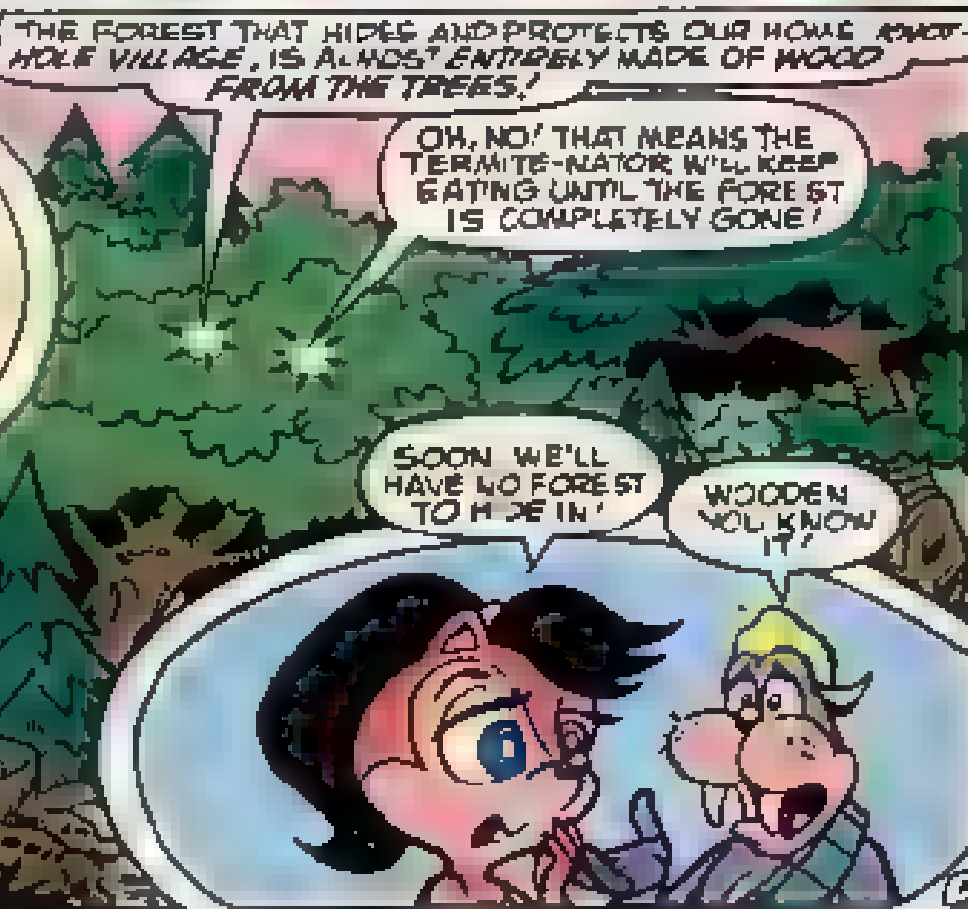






CHOMP!
CHOMP!
Chomp!
CHOMP!
CHOMP!

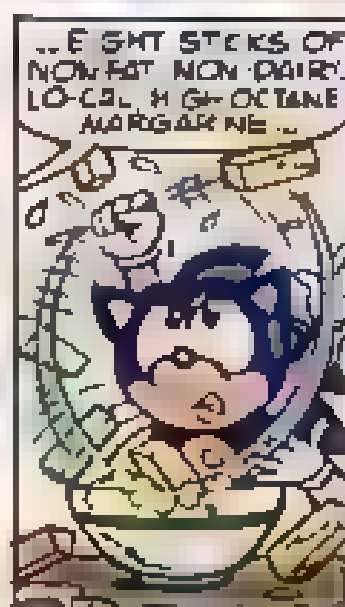
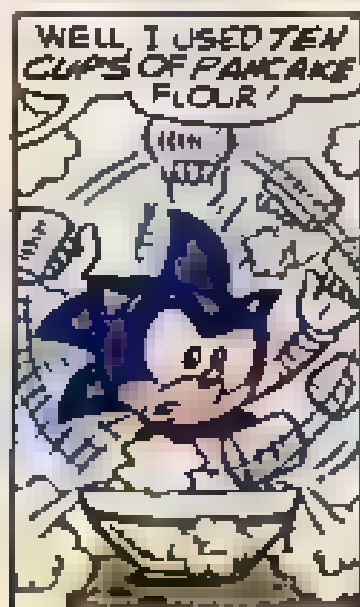


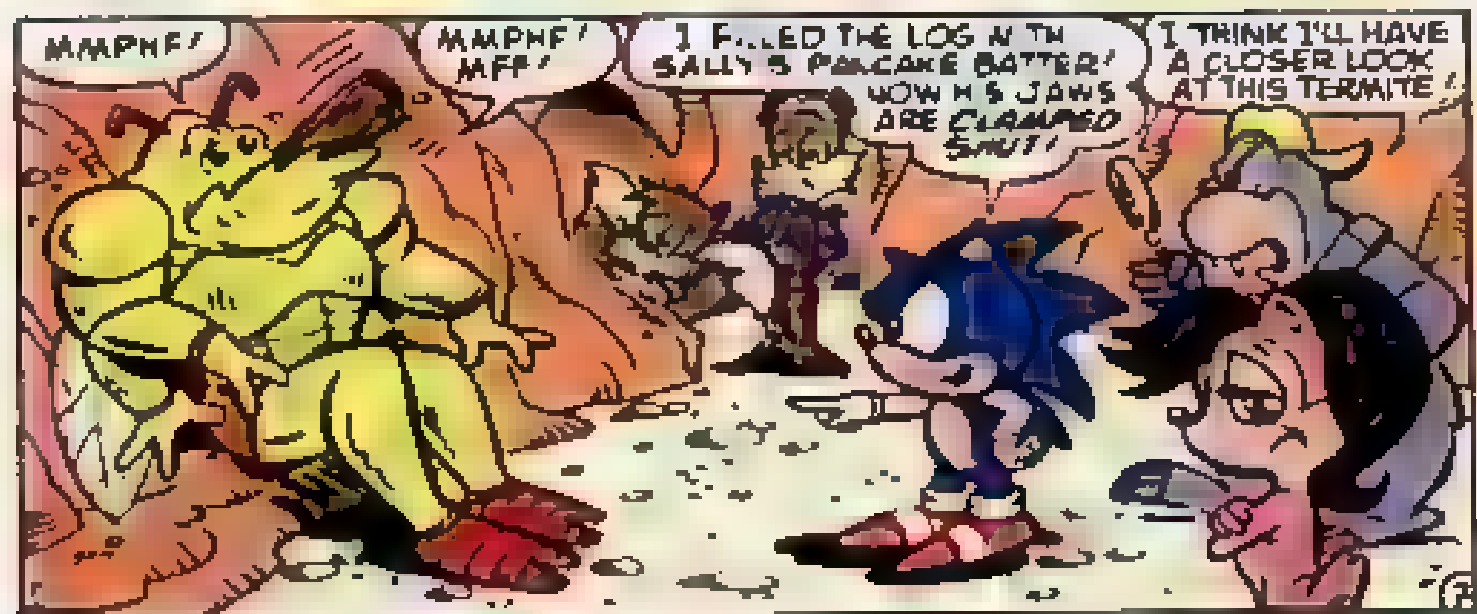
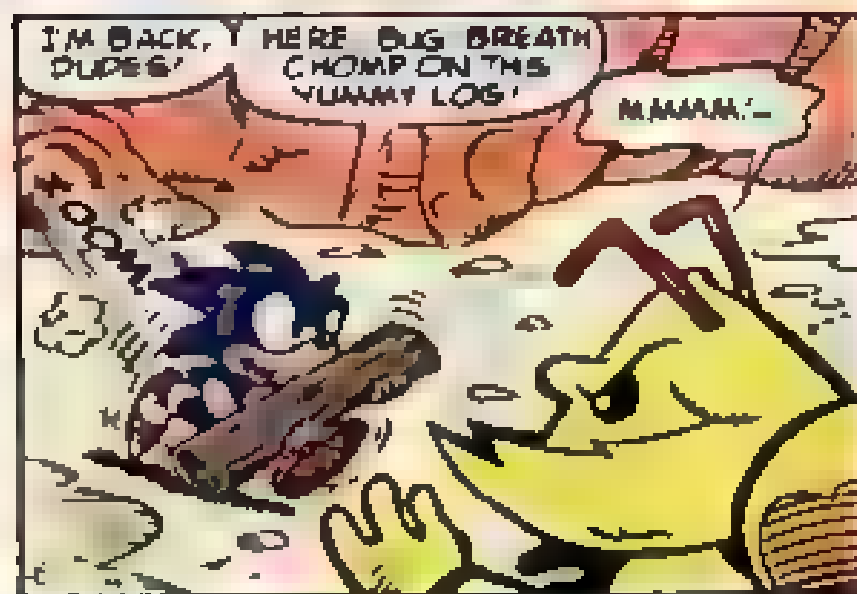


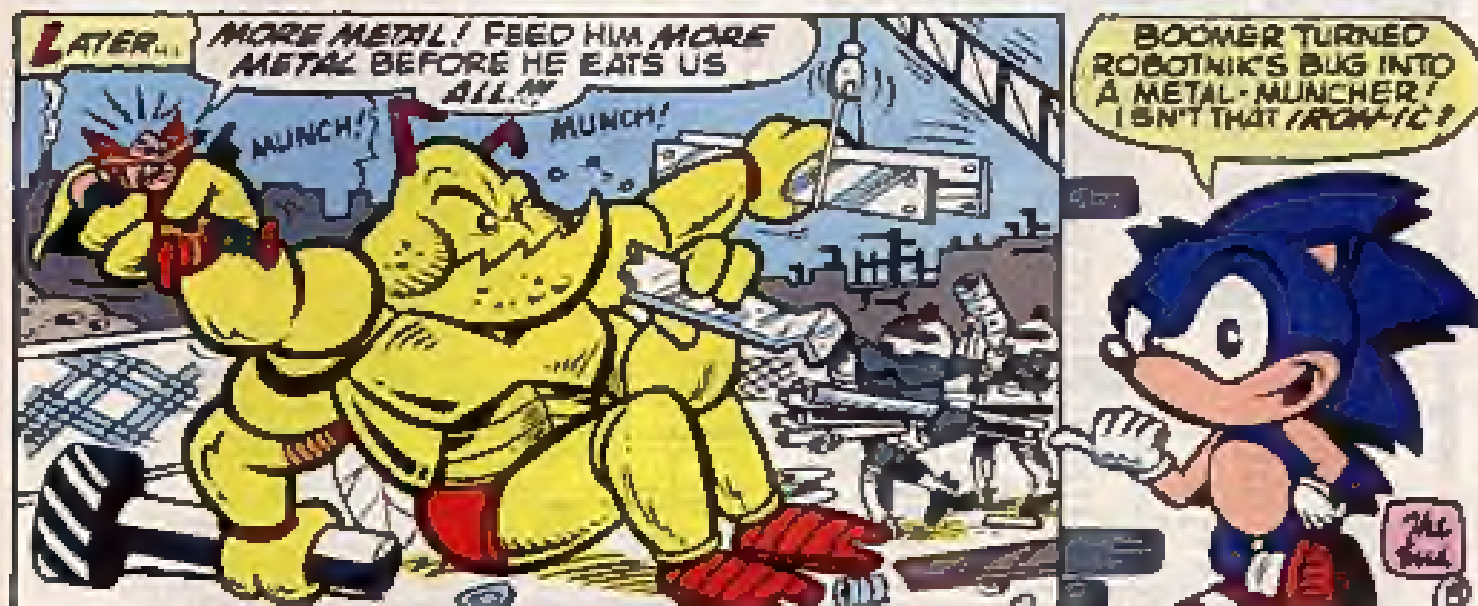
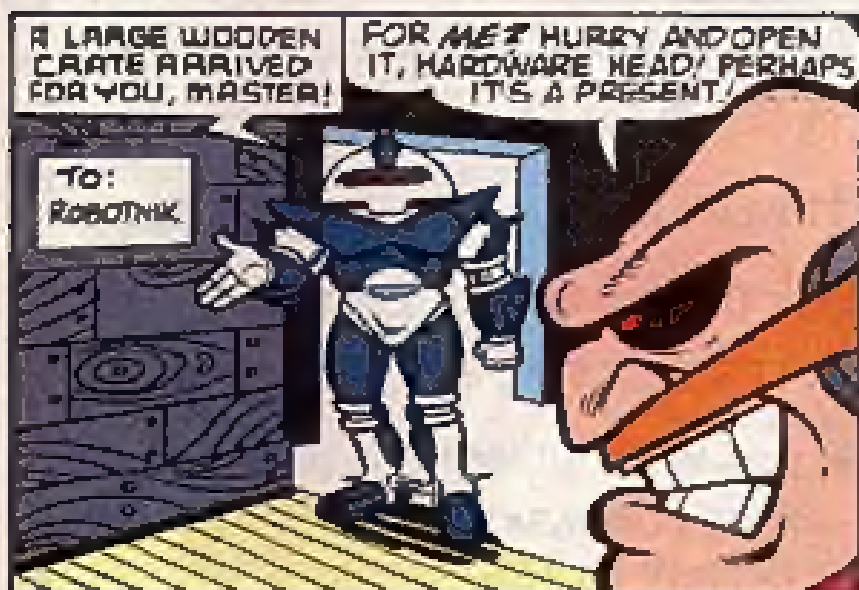
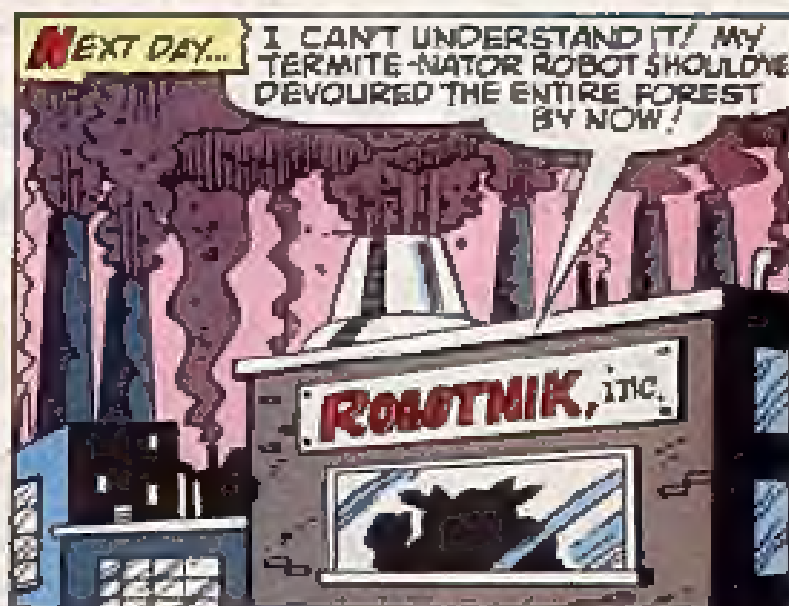
OH, NO! THAT MEANS THE TERMITE-NATOR WILL KEEP EATING UNTIL THE FOREST IS COMPLETELY GONE!

SOON WE'LL HAVE NO FOREST TO HIDE IN!

WOODEN YOU KNOW IT?







SONIC THE HEDGEHOG FAST FOOD!

YO, DUDES! BEING THE WORLD'S FASTEST HEDGEHOG HAS MANY ADVANTAGES! FOR INSTANCE...



HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CALLED BECAUSE YOUR DINNER IS GETTING COLD?

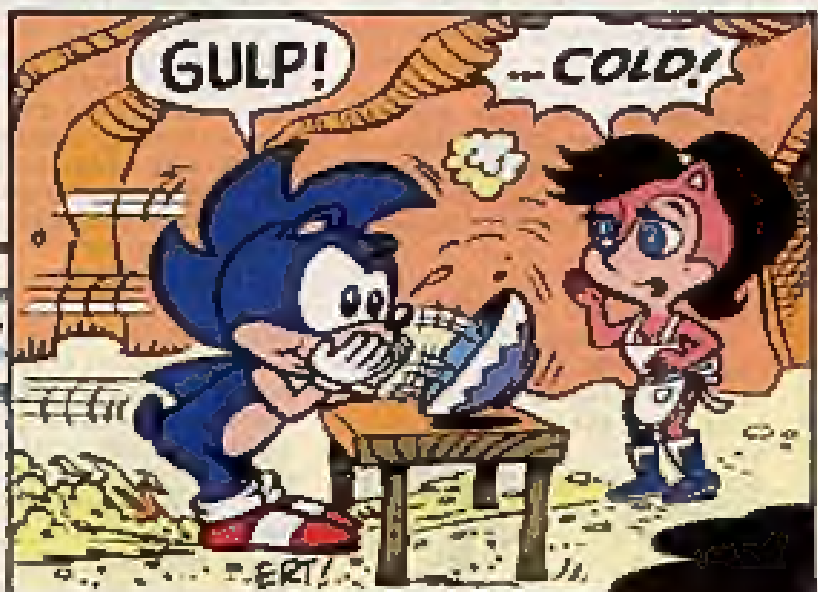
WE'LL WATCH THIS...

SONIC! YOUR DINNER IS GETTING...



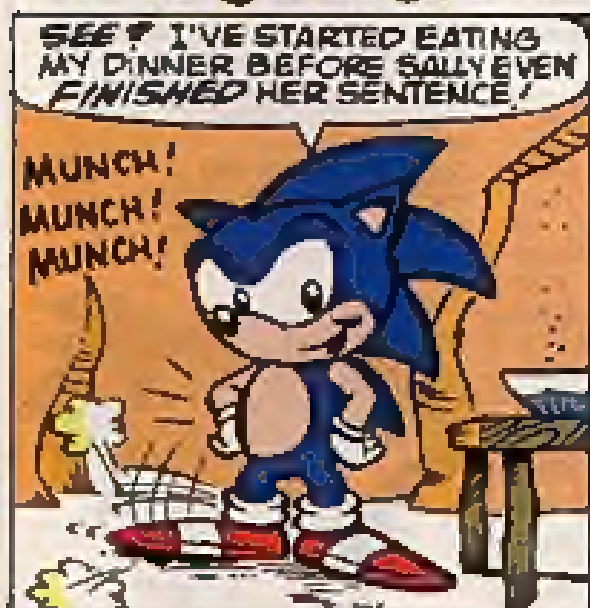
GULP!

...COLD!



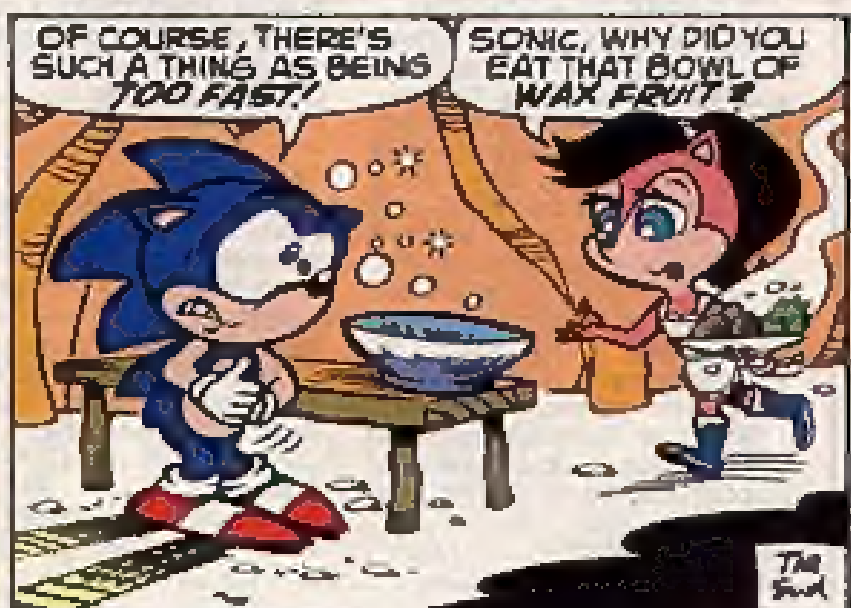
SEE? I'VE STARTED EATING MY DINNER BEFORE SALLY EVEN FINISHED HER SENTENCE!

MUNCH!
MUNCH!
MUNCH!



OF COURSE, THERE'S SUCH A THING AS BEING TOO FAST!

SONIC, WHY DID YOU EAT THAT BOWL OF WAX FRUIT?



SONIC-GRAMS

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It's it up, right-
taous, rapid
readers! Veloc-
ity Vic and Post-
haste Paul are

here again to tear through the
lasty tidbits rocketed our way by
you, our faithful followers! Sonic
and his pals are shell-shocked at
all the letters you've sent in--so
many that we had to print it on
two pages this time! But that's all
right--THEY LOVE THE ATTEN-
TION! Speaking of attention,
you'd better pay attention to your
TV sets and video game stores,
because ABC's SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG Saturday morning
cartoon show and the sensational
Sega SONIC SPINBALL game
are right around the corner! Re-
member, always BRAKE for BLUE
Hedgehogs!

Dear Sonic and Tails,

I love Sonic comic books. I
have issue No. 2, No. 3 and the
new No. 1., No. 2, No. 3. I want
to be Sonic for Halloween.

Your pal,
Scott VanSchilling
Somerville, N.J.



Dear Sonic,

I love your comic books! I don't
have a SEGA Genesis, but I have
played Sonic 2 on Game Gear
and the TV System. By the way,
what kind of animal is Princess
Sally? I know she's not a hedge-
hog like Sonic because she
doesn't have quills. She's not a
fox like Tails because her tail isn't
big enough. And I'm positive
she's not a Walrus like Boomer,
so what is she? One more ques-
tion, what is the fastest speed
you can go? Oh, and issue #3
was really cool! I finally found
out who the girl robot rabbit was.
I liked how Robotnik built that
huge burrobol, and you and
Rabbit trashed it! By the way,
cool shoes, man!
Graham Smith
Turkey Creek, KY

*You can stop going nutty,
Graham--Princess Sally is a
squirrel! As for how fast
Sonic is, let's put it this
way--in the time it takes to
read this, Sonic can visit all
the planets in the universe
(even the ones we don't know
about yet) and still be home
in time for dinner!*

Dear SONIC GRAMS,

Hey Guys! I love the new
SONIC comic! I'd do anything for
one. For instance, last month I
was at camp and I thought, I'M
GOING TO MISS THE NEXT IS-
SUE! So I called my mom and
had her come to camp and give it
to me! See what I mean? Any-
way, I just wanted to tell you guys
I really think you're awesome!
David Badgerow
Chaybagen, MI

Hey Sonic Team,

I just realized that Mario and
Robotnik have two things in com-
mon--they're both fat and ex-
tremely stupid! Just a sugges-
tion--my friends and I think that
another city besides Knothole
would be cool. Like say, maybe a
super tropical climate, like, re-
ally, really hot? Give Aluminum
Butt an extra kick in the pants for
me! I think I'll go play Nintendo-
-NOT!

Clique Stevenson
Montgomery, AL

Dear Sonic,

You're totally cool! I love your
comic and I just got issue #1. It
was awesome! I think it was cool
when you refused to give that
rusty robot a tip. I wouldn't
have either! Your recipe for chili
dogs is the best! And you couldn't
have done a better thing to end
the comic than blowing up the
Casino Night Zone! Keep on
Spinning!
Rosemaria Makmalachi
Charleston, SC



Dear Freedom Fighters,

I just got the September issue of
your comic. I really love it! I
wanted to ask you--will Sonic and
Sally ever admit they like each
other? Will you make Sonic
trading cards or action figures? I
hope so.

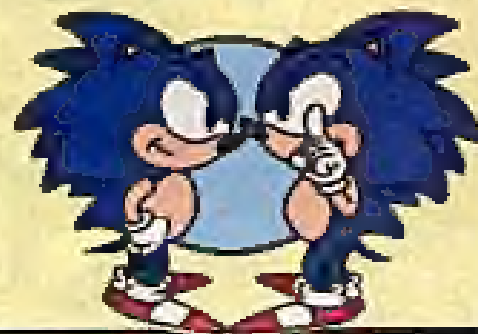
Charles Hodgkin
Jachin, AL

*Action Figures and trading
cards are on the way! Watch
this space for upcoming
announcements on both!*

Dear Sonic Grams,

I have issue #0, #1, #2 and #3 of
your great new comic and it's a
blast! My favorite part from all of
them is "Meet Me At the Corner of
Hedgehog & Vine". My favorite
part is when that puke Robotnik
gets humiliated when his robot
plants burn up from the rain. I
don't have a Sega Genesis yet
but I might be getting one for
Christmas, but if I don't I'll have
to buy one myself--even though
I was going to buy a mountain
bike. I hope you make two issues
a month because I keep looking
forward to going to the store and
buying Sonic the Hedgehog comic
books!

Tany "My friends call
me 'video wizard'"
Spencer
Lewisburg, Ohio



Dear Sonic Team,

Sonic the Hedgehog is the fastest guy (hedgehog) I've ever known. I'm practicing to run almost as fast as him. He is my idol, and when the TV show comes out, you can count on me to watch it. Also, when Sonic 3 is in the stores, I'll be sure to buy it. Are you going to make a Sonic movie? Keep up the great work, Sonic Team!

Pamela Aultman
Washington, DC

Dear Sonic and Tails,

You guys are my idols. I think Bunnie the cyborg rabbit is cute. I've played Sonic #1 and #2—they're cool! Could you answer this question: When is your TV show on? Also, why do you and Tails have the same shoes? Nigel Laut
Ontario, Canada

Tails simply idolizes me. He's got to be like me in every way—even down to my shoes! SONIC'S Saturday morning TV show will air on the ABC network beginning Sept. 10th, 8AM Pacific time; 9AM Eastern. SONIC will also be on Monday through Friday beginning Sept. 8th. Check your local TV listings for channels and times.

Dear Tails and Antoine,

Tails, I really do think you deserve your own 3 issue mini-series. Maybe a 100 issue series! Please do me a favor. Make sure if you ever meet Robotnik please run circles around him so he could get real dizzy!

And Antoine, please stop being jealous of Sonic and Princess Sally. One day you might just meet someone just as good! Maybe someone even... uh... um, better? Well, maybe! It may take a while but it will happen.

Tails, please ask Sonic if he could ever do the Super Spin Dash for me. Also, if I have to wait all night to see the Sonic cartoon I will!

Marlene Gay
Providence, RI

Dear Sonic,

Why are Sonic and Princess Sally in love? What channel is ABC? I read Sonic's comics as much as I can. It's a great comic. I loved how Sonic got Al's and Cal's names mixed up! I know you will not put my letter in your comic, but at least you can write back to me. I think Tails needs his own 3D mini-comic.

Micah Yeagley
Milton, FL

LETTER WRITING RULE #1: If you tell us we won't print your letter, we will! As for your questions: 1.) Check your local TV listings to find out what channel ABC is 2.) If we knew what makes people fall in love, we wouldn't be working on SONIC comics—we'd be **RICH!**

Dear Crabmeat,

You're my favorite Badnik. I think Dr. Robotnik should treat you better. Do you have a best friend? If you do, who is he? I'm 3 years old. How old are you? Does Dr. Robotnik make any girl crabs?

Zach Abram
St. Charles, MO

EXCUSE ME!

What is this letter column called? SONIC-GRAMS—not CRABMEAT GRAMS!

Shheeeesh! I'll be sure to pass your letter on to Crabmeat—**HOT!**
Signed, Sonic.

NEXT ISSUE:



SONIC SPINBALL, based on the hot new SONIC game from SEGA! Be there or be a **BADNIK!**

A FRATERNITY OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

The following readers colored in page five, panel four of the issue #2 (regular series) story, "VERTIGO A GO GO!", thereby becoming **OFFICIAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS!** You can be dubbed one, too—just start coloring and send it in! **NEW DUB-EEES:** Walker Sturdivant, Greenwood, MS; Matthew Martin, Ontario, Canada; Cole Marante, Toledo, Ohio; Marlene Gay, Providence, RI; Catherine Reineck, Lansing, MI; Jeremy Ezzei, Greenfield, TN; Emily Rigelsky, Midlothian, VA; Michael Mulimer, Ontario, Canada; Aaron Phelps, Morgantown, KY; Erin Walli, Los Oses, CA; Skylar Stokes, Ozark, AL; Matthew Darnison, Rock Springs, WY; Will Luckeyden, Gallipolis, OH; Amanda Riddle, Benton, AR; Oliver Govek, Atherton, CA; Doug Peltz Jr., Redlands, CA; Jennifer Gibson, Mexia, TX; Ian Heard, Mascoutah, IL; Billy Jarvis, St. James, MN; Marco Sousa, San Jose, CA; Jared Cramblett, Cascade Locks, OR; Adam Critchley, Corpus Christi, TX; Mack Greener, Smiths, AL; Ryan Faust, Defiance, OH; Ruben DeJesus, Queens, NY; Bryce and Taylor Cello, Brookings, OR; Patrick Smith, Milton, W. VA.; Brad Wales, Sask, Canada; Alex Wilder, Arcadia, FL. **LET FREEDOM RING!**

